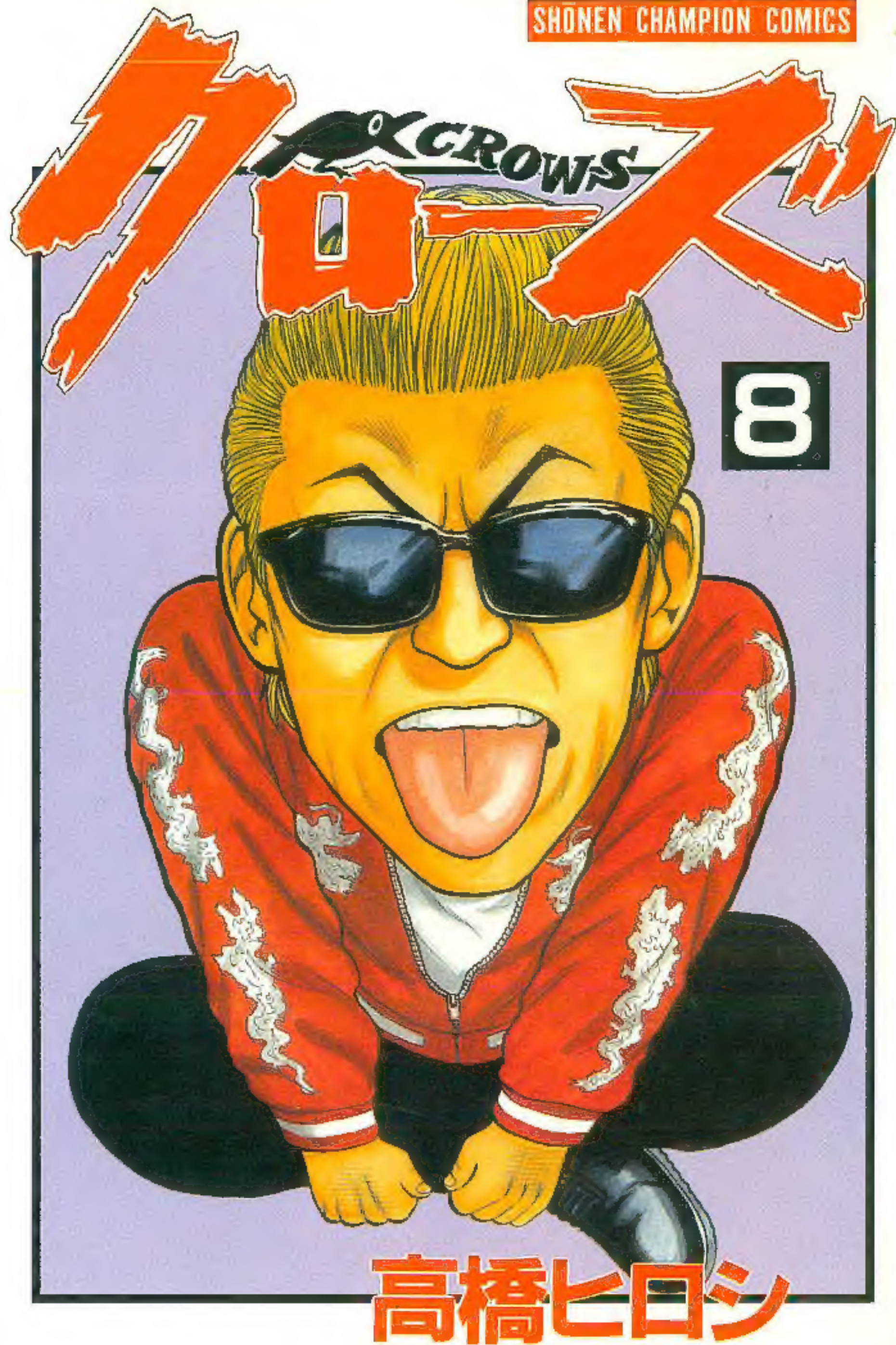


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CROSS

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勝^かとうなんて思^{おも}つちやいけない。ちよつと楽^{たの}しめば
いいんだ……と、笑顔^{えがお}で台^{だい}を選^{えら}ぶんだよ。初^{はじ}めはよ！
3千^{せん}円^{まん}ぐらいすると、その笑顔^{えがお}が消^きえる。5千^{せん}円^{まん}ま
でいくと、ムカムカしてきて、6千^{せん}円^{まん}でプツンと切^きれ
る！

『もうかんべんならねー。ちくしよう!!』

……こうして激闘^{げきとう}8時間^{じかん}……。

(あ~~~~あ、あの時^{とき}やめとけばな~~~~。)

などと後悔^{こうかい}しながら、ヘトヘトに疲^{つか}れてパチンコ屋^やを
あとにするのさ……。

(パチンコ屋^やに貯金^{ちうきん}しまくる男^{おとこ} 著者^{ちようしゃ}・高橋^{たかはし}ヒロシ)

高橋^{たかはし}ヒロシの大好^{だいこう}評^{ひやう}作^{さく}品^{ひん}

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高橋ヒロシ

げっかんしょうねん
「月刊少年チャンピオン掲載」
けいさい

主 要 登 場 人 物 紹 介

THE STORY SO FAR: SUZURAN ALL-BOYS HIGH - A SCHOOL OF DELINQUENTS, ALSO CALLED "THE SCHOOL OF CROWS." NOT LONG AFTER BOUYA HARUMICHI TRANSFERRED TO SUZURAN, HE DESTROYED TEAMS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL INCLUDING THE BANDOU FACTION AND THE FRONT OF ARMA-MENT. AFTERWARDS HE BECAME BLOOD BROTHERS WITH BULLDOG. HOWEVER, A SMALL MISUNDERSTANDING ALMOST CAUSED THE FRIENDSHIP TO TURN SOUR, BUT HIROMI'S PLAN NOT ONLY REPAIRED THE BOND BETWEEN THEM, IT STRENGTH-ENED IT.

○ LEFT: MARUKEN (MARUYAMA KENICHI); RIGHT: KAKUKEN (KADOZUMI KENICHI): 2ND YEARS AT KUROSAKI INDUSTRIAL. TOGETHER, THEY MAKE UP THE MARUKAKU DUO AND RULE THE SCHOOL.



○ KATSURAGI GENJIROU: SUZURAN GRADUATE. RINDAMAN'S CONFIDANT.



○ BULLDOG (FURUKAWA OSAMU): 2ND YEAR AT TAKIYA COM-MERCE. CALLED THE GREATEST BOSS IN THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY, HE COMMANDS A GREAT AMOUNT OF LOYALTY AND RESPECT, BUT IS TERRIBLE WITH THE LADIES.



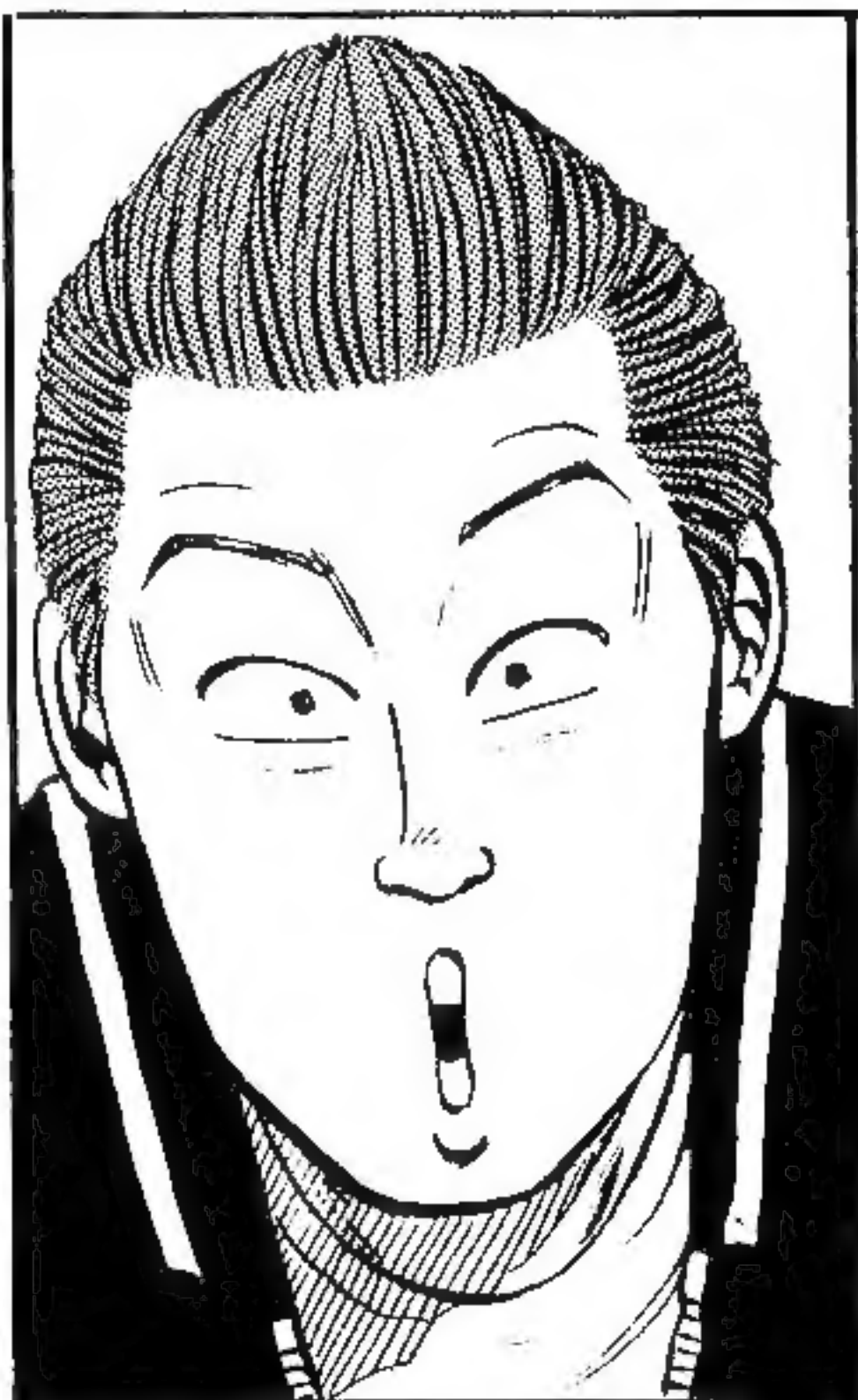
せんかん
前巻までの
あらすじの



◉ RINDAMAN (HAYASHIDA MEGUMI): A 3RD YEAR AT SUZURAN. ALTHOUGH HE POSSESSES A STRENGTH THAT RIVALS HARUMICHI'S OWN, HE'S CURRENTLY NEUTRAL.

◉ BOUYA HARUMICHI: THE BLONDE-HAIRED TRANSFER STUDENT WHO AGAINST HIS WILL WAS NAMED THE HEAD OF THE HARUMICHI FAMILY. AN AMAZING FIGHTER WITH A CARE-FREE ATTITUDE. 2ND YEAR AT SUZURAN.

◉ YASU (YASUDA YASUO): 1ST YEAR SUZURAN STUDENT. THE WEAKLING WHO BECAME NO. 2 OF THE HARUMICHI FAMILY BY DEFAULT DUE TO THE FACT THAT HE WAS HARUMICHI'S NUMBER 1 UNDERLING.



◉ LEFT: HIROMI (KIRISHIMA HIROMI) MIDDLE: PON (HONJOU TOSHIAKI) RIGHT: MAKO (SUGIHARA MAKOTO): A TRIO OF 2ND YEAR SUZURAN BOYS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE HARUMICHI FAMILY.

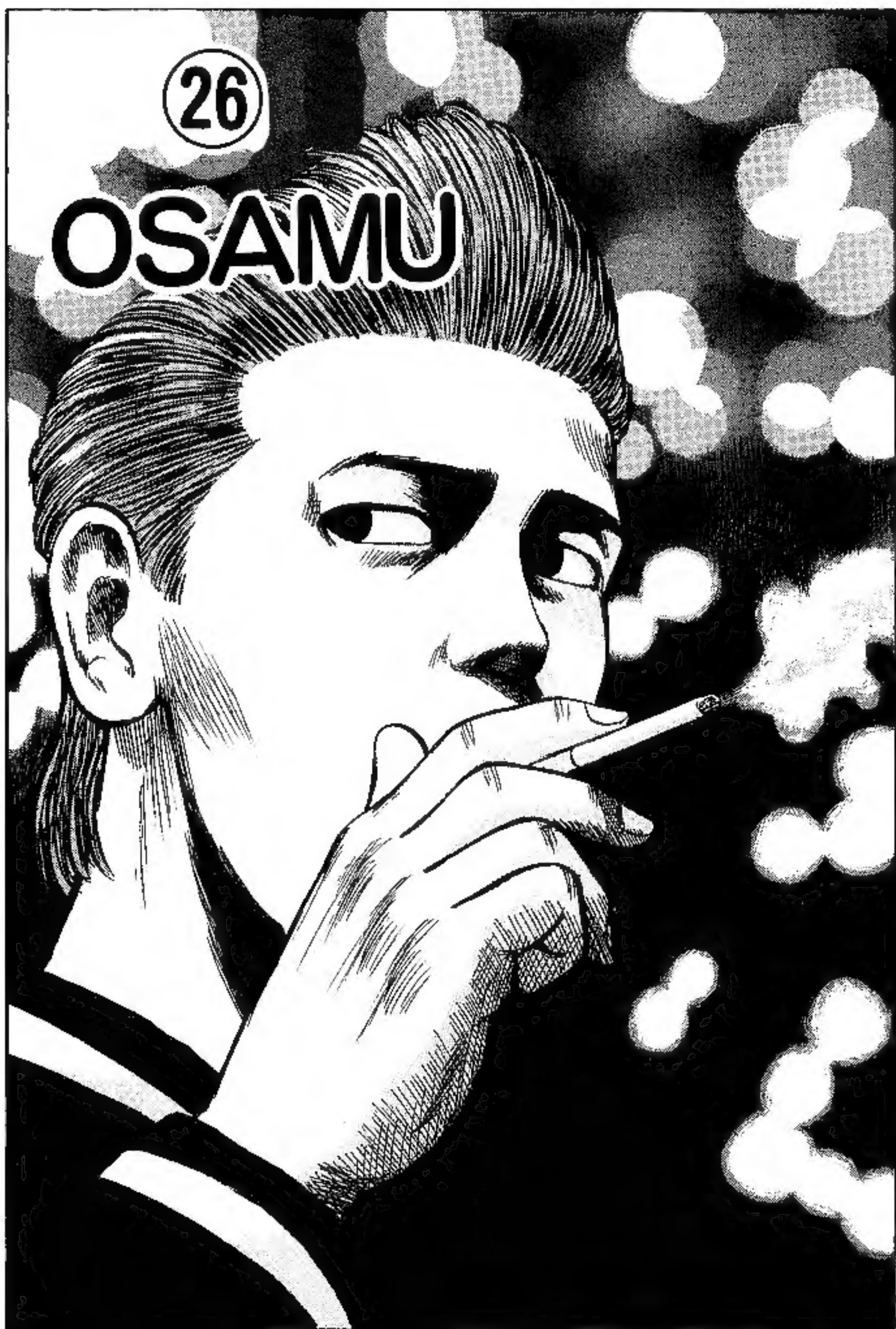




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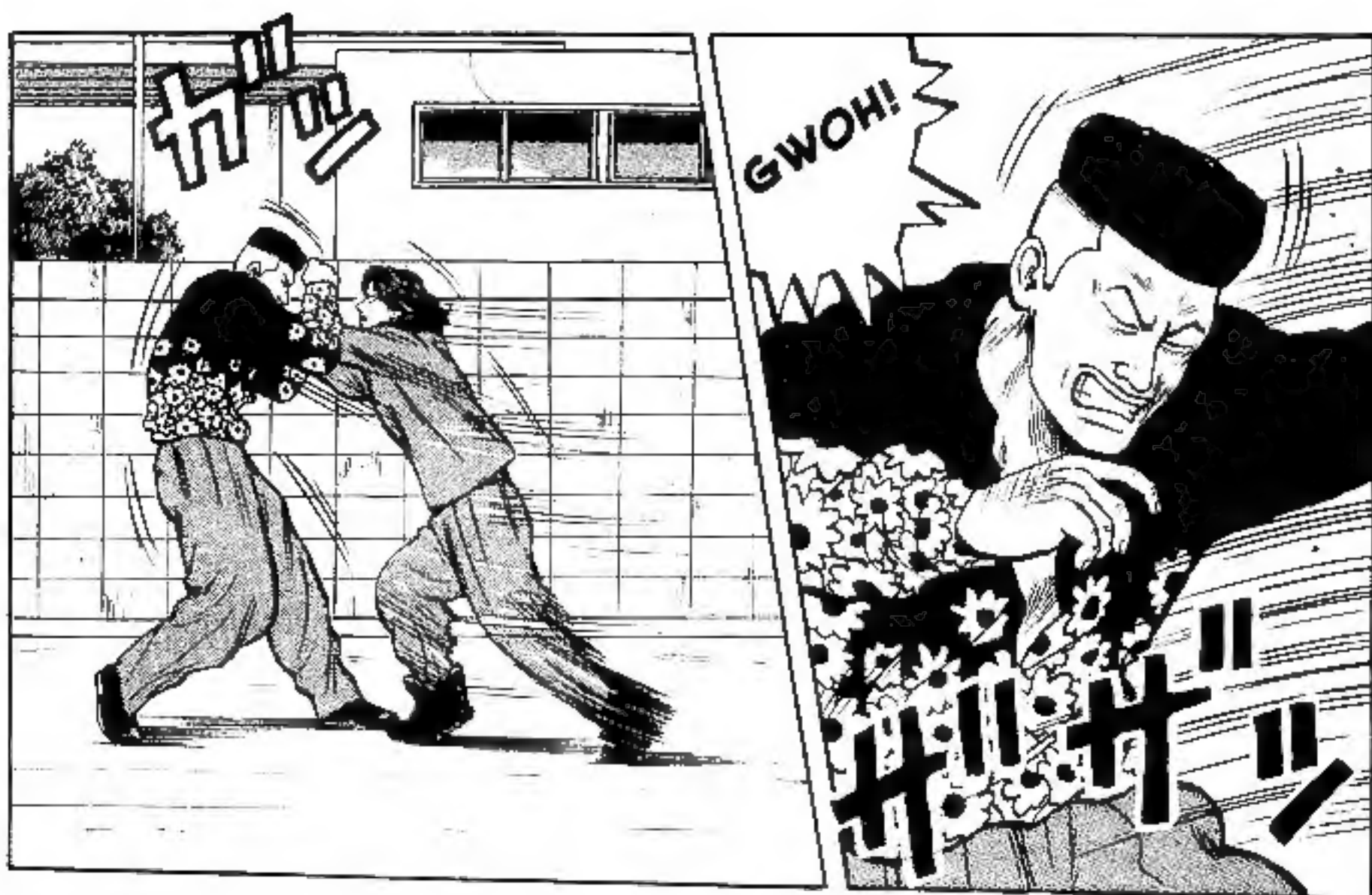
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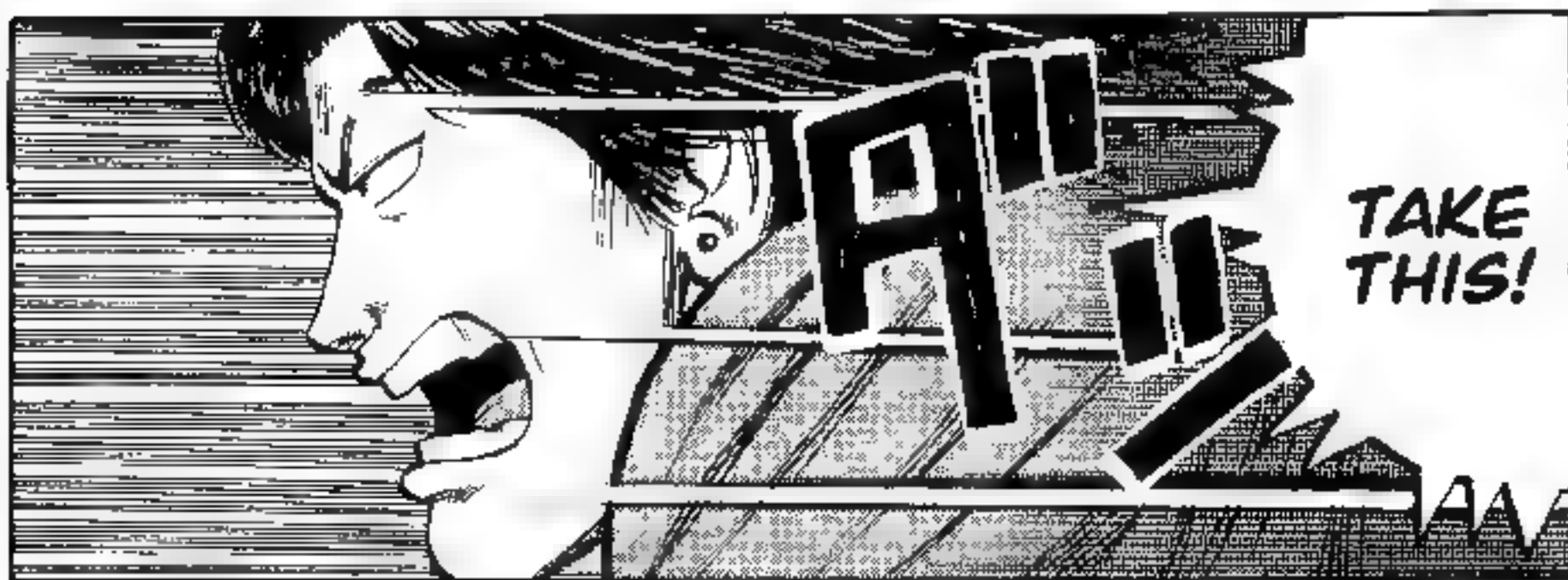
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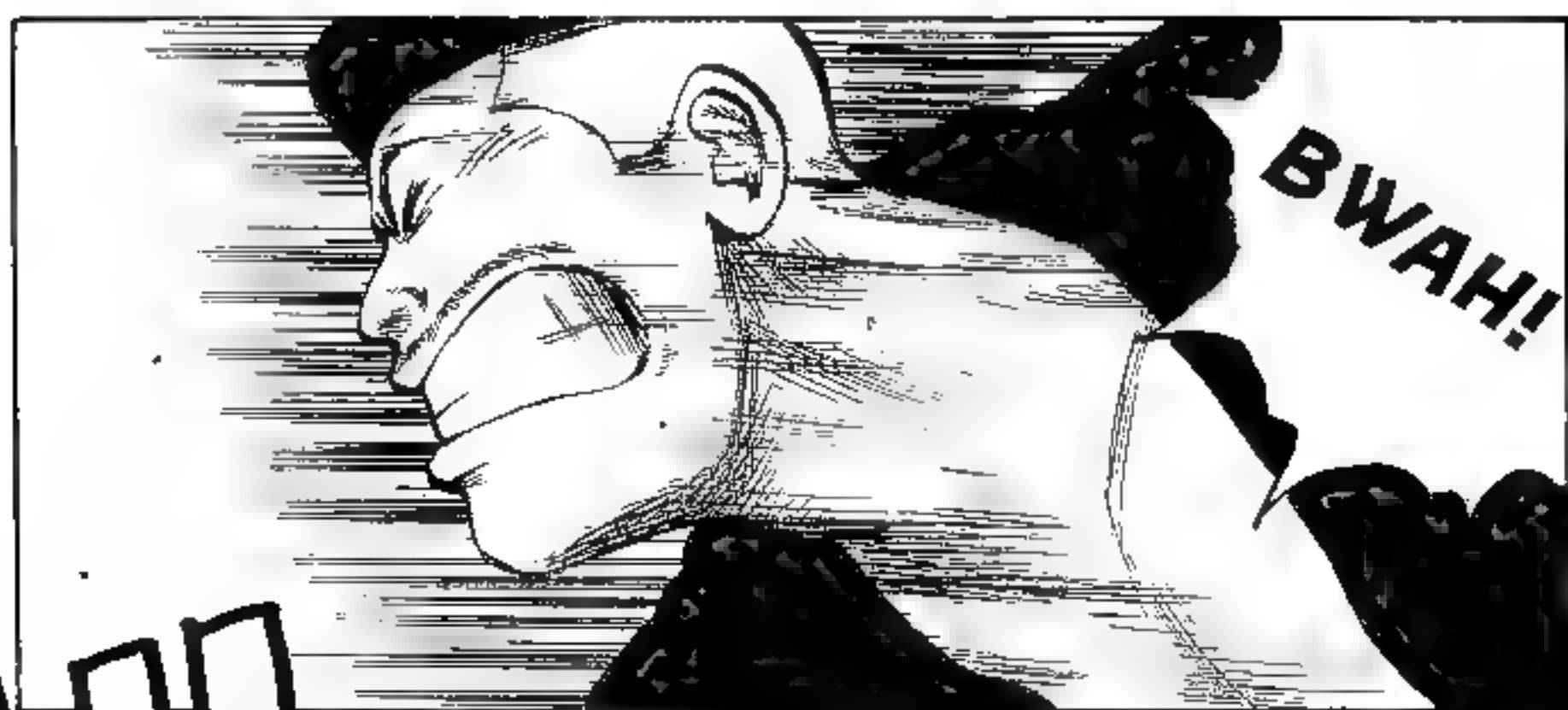


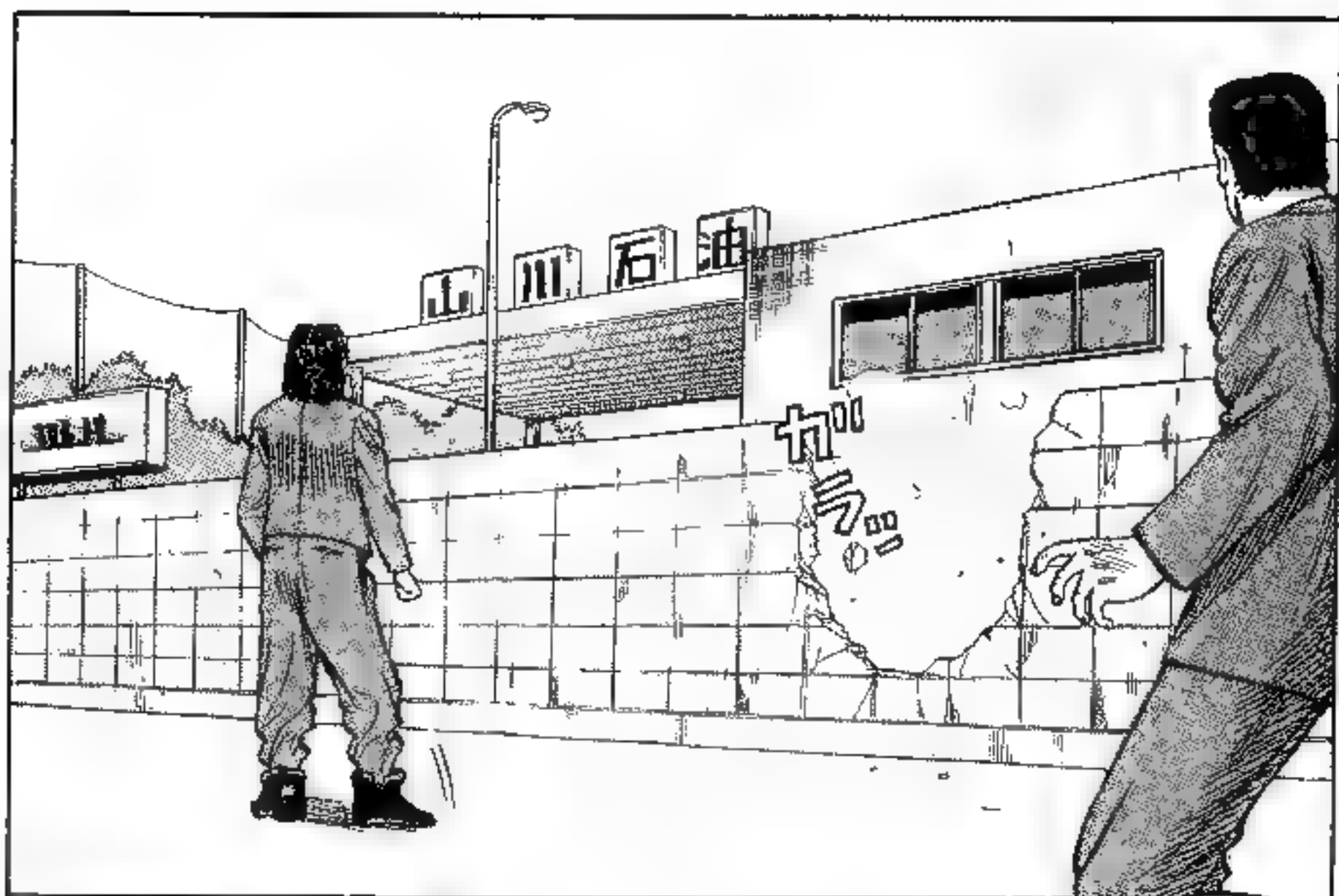


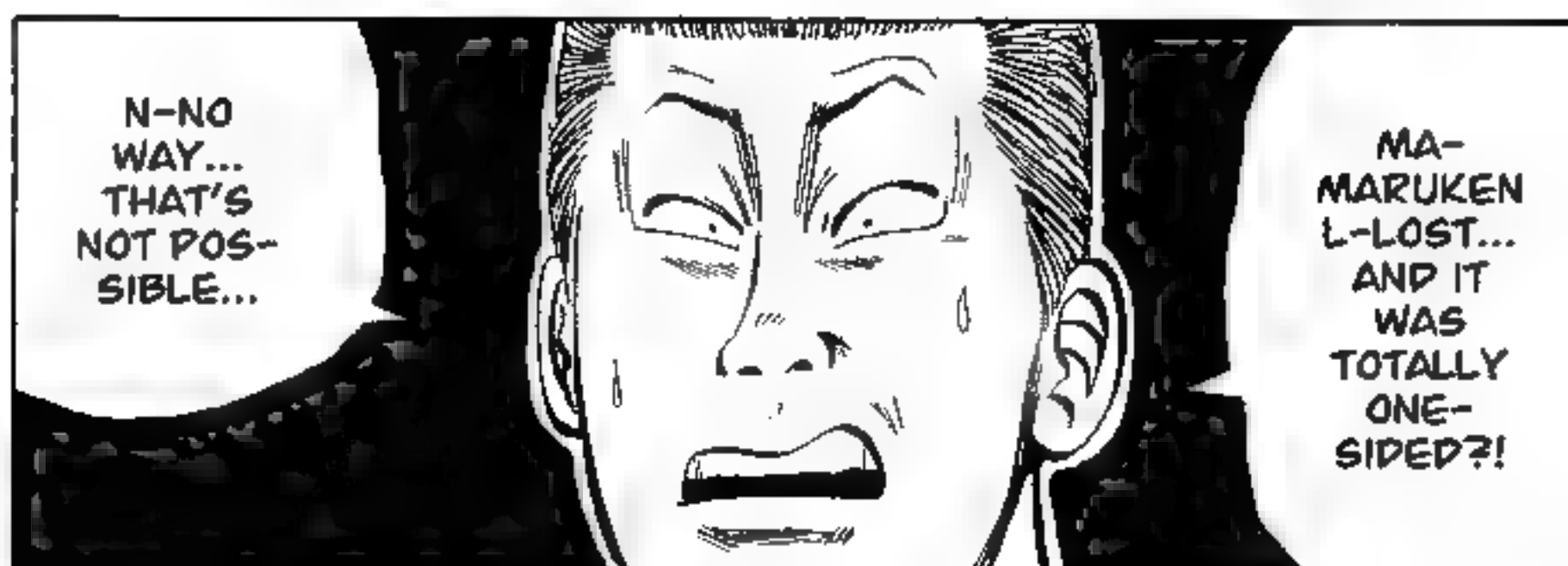












N-NO
WAY...
THAT'S
NOT POS-
SIBLE...

MA-
MARUKEN
L-LOST...
AND IT
WAS
TOTALLY
ONE-
SIDED?!



ANI-
KIIIIII!

ANIKI!!
ARE
YOU
AL-
RIGHT
?!



MARU-
KEN!

A-
ANI-
KIIIIII!



!!



OOF!

7!!
1!!

DON'T
YELL IN MY
EAR, IDIOT!
I WAS JUST
TAKING A
BREATH,
SO SHUT
THE HELL
UP!







キッ





SORRYAAA!



GWAAH!

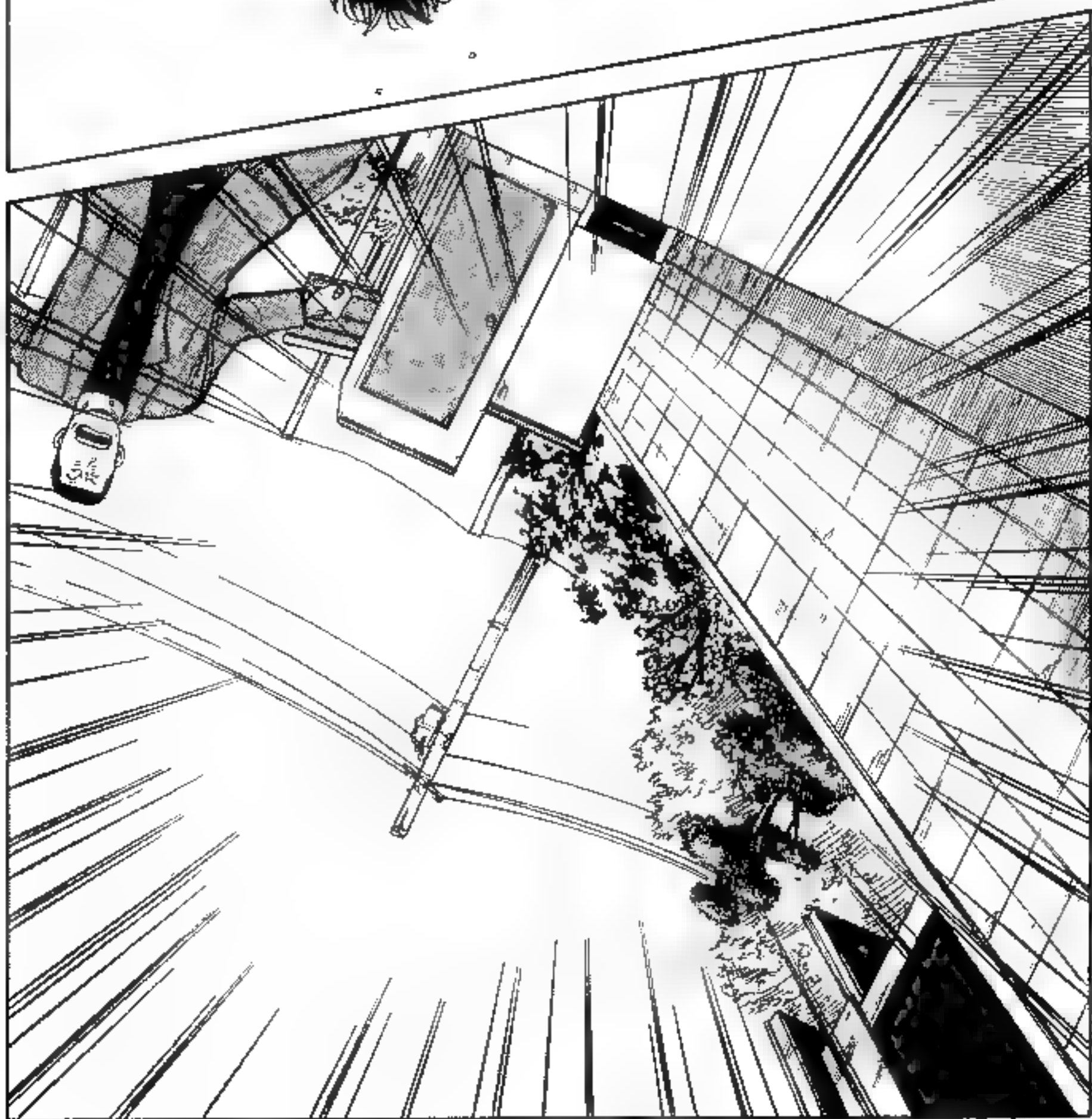


**HAVE
A
TASTE!**

**THIS
IS THE
CALIBER
OF PUNCH
YOU CAN
EXPECT
AROUND
THESE
PARTS.**



GWAAH!



YES,
IT REALLY
IS! I SAW IT
WITH MY
OWN EYES
...

HEY,
IS THIS
REALLY
THE
PLACE?

ANY-
WAY,
MARU-
CHAN
WENT
AHEAD
TO TAKE
A LOOK.

FU
FU
FU
...

ME AND
TAMOTSU
WERE
RIGHT
AROUND
HERE
...

HEY
TAMO-
TSU!

OH,
THERE'S
TAMO-
TSU!

WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING?
WHERE'S
MARU-
CHAN?

K-
KAKU-
KEN!

AH!





I HAD
ENOUGH
...

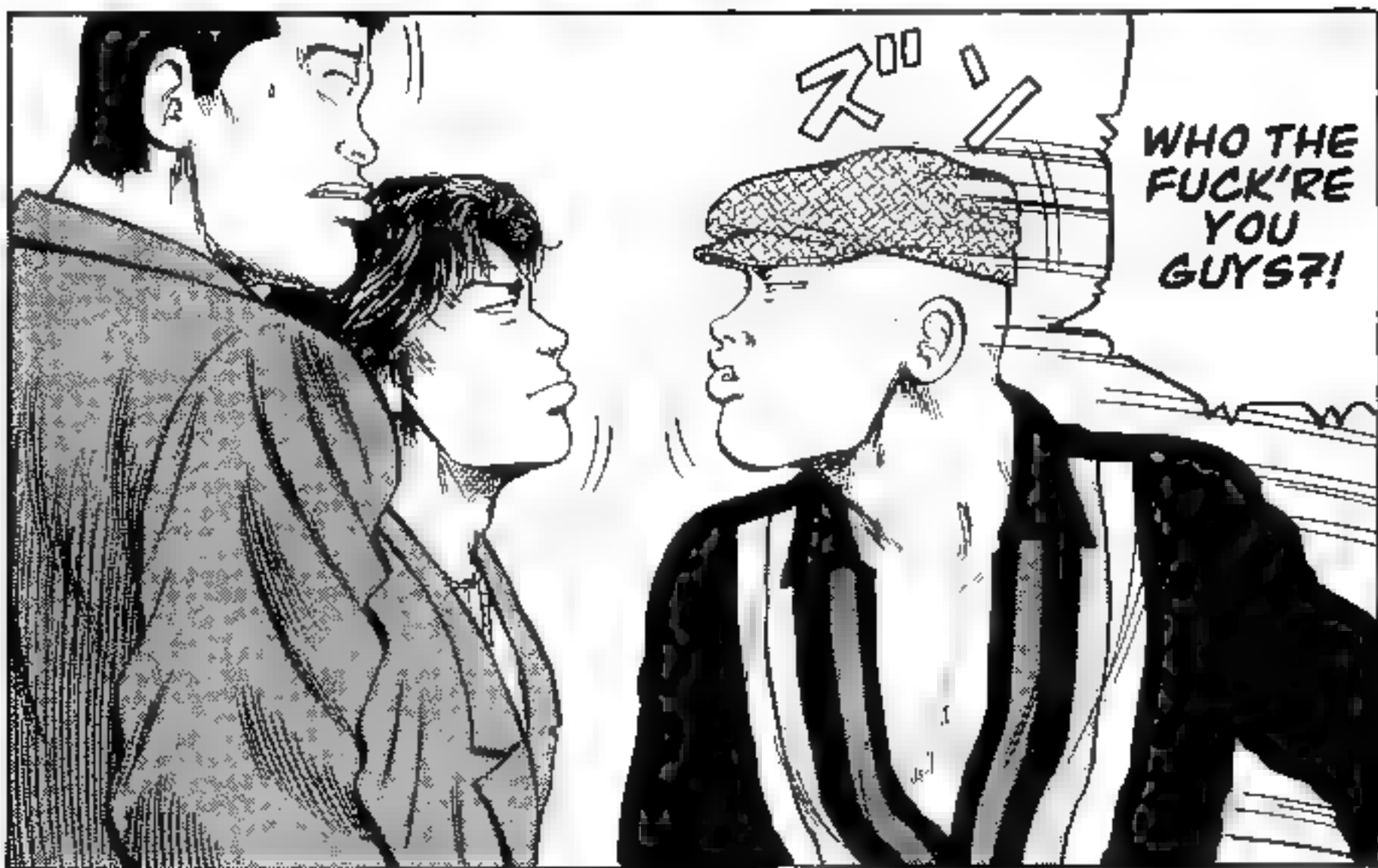
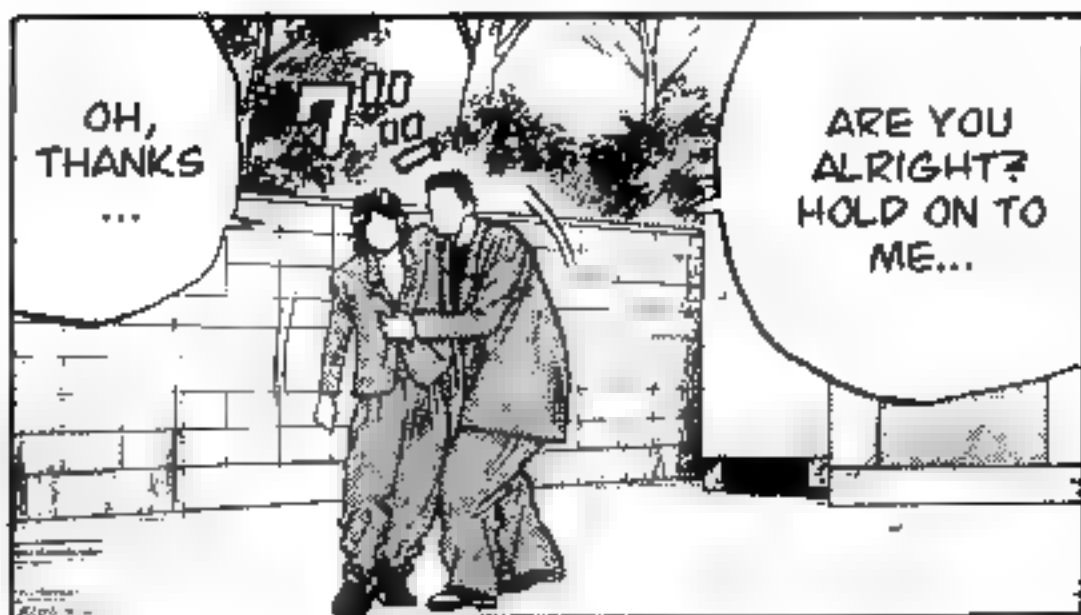
NAH,
I'M
GOOD
...

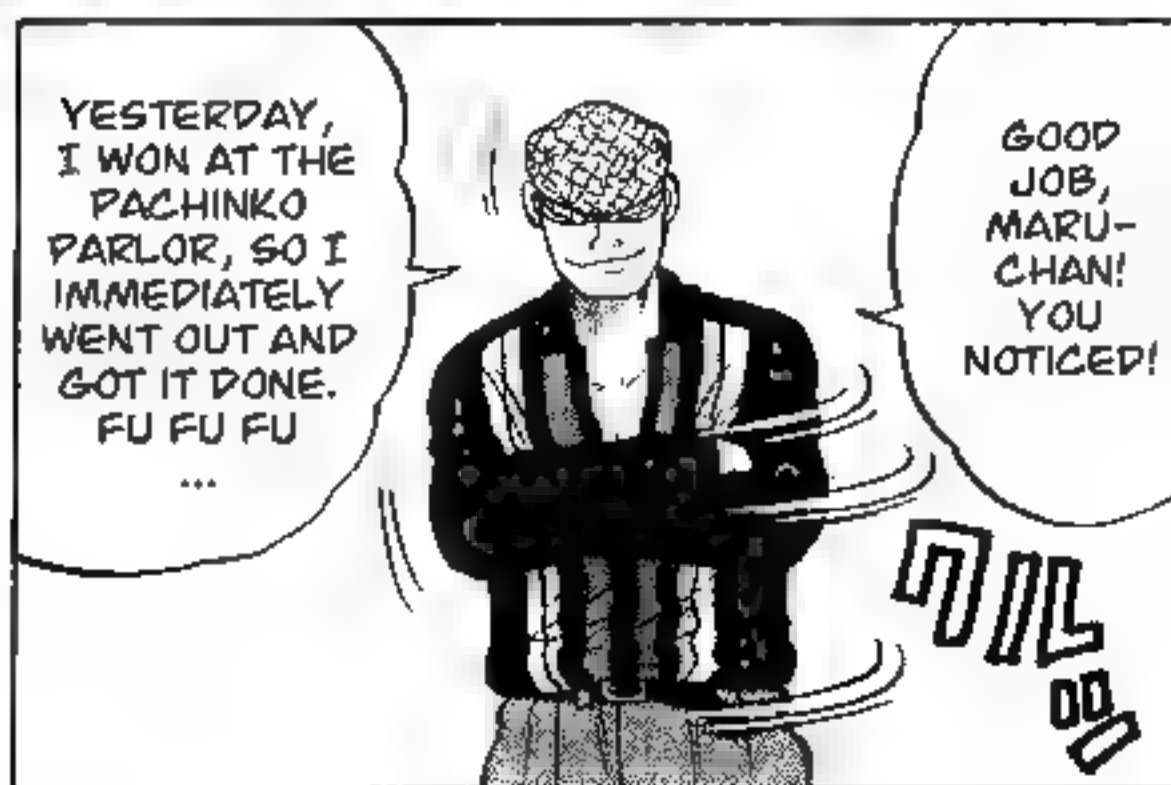
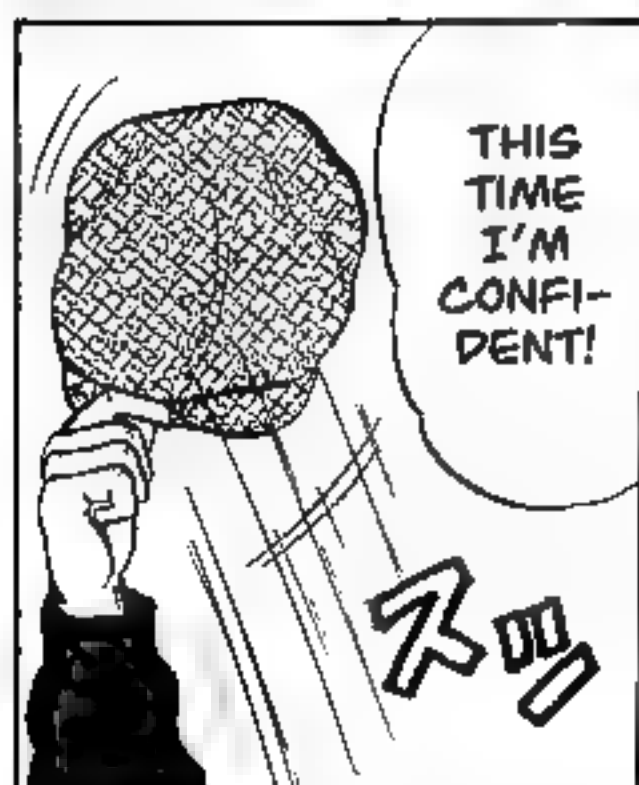
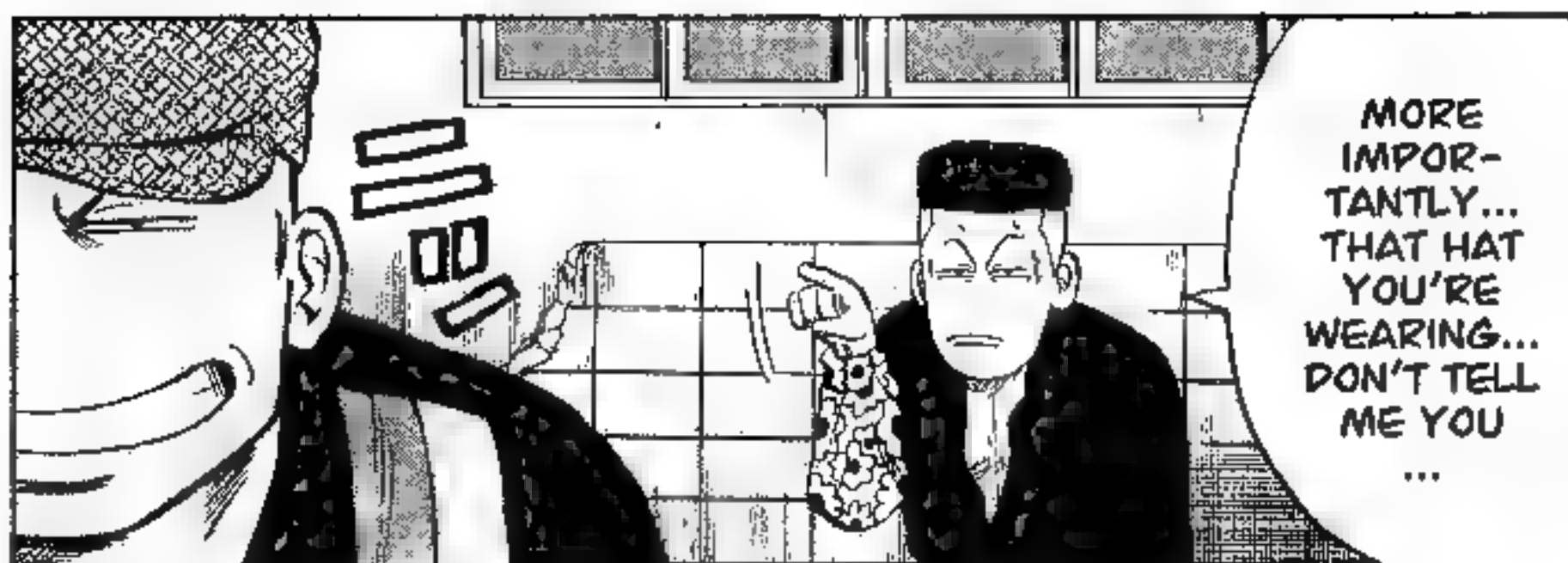


SO, YOU
WANNA
GO SOME
MORE?



I
LOST
...

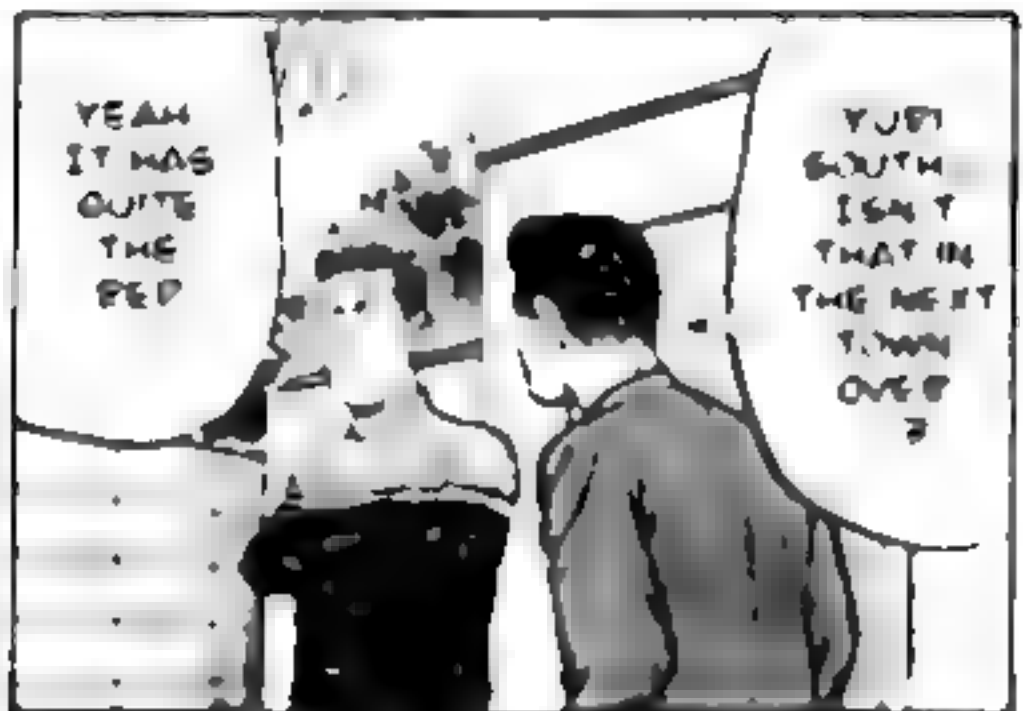




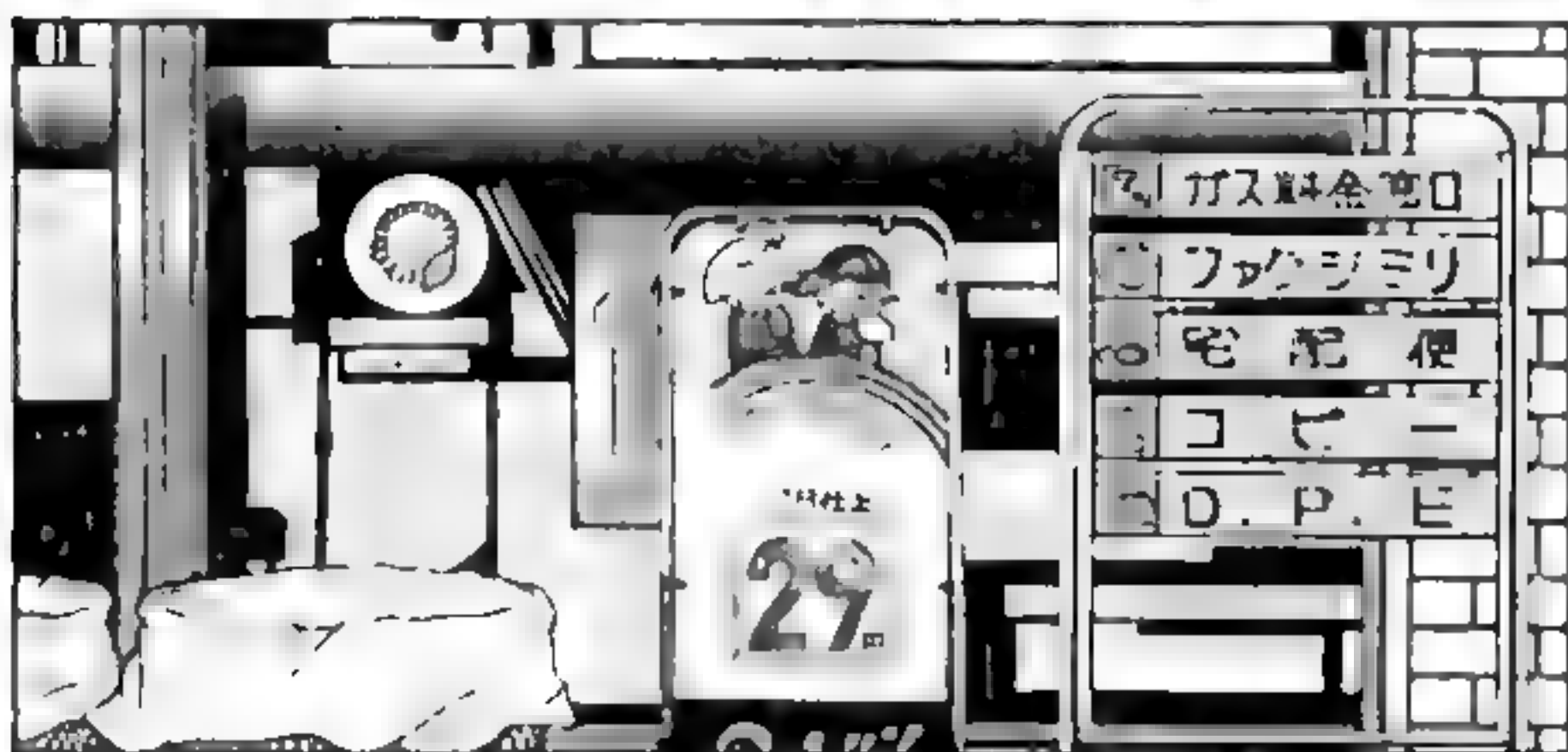


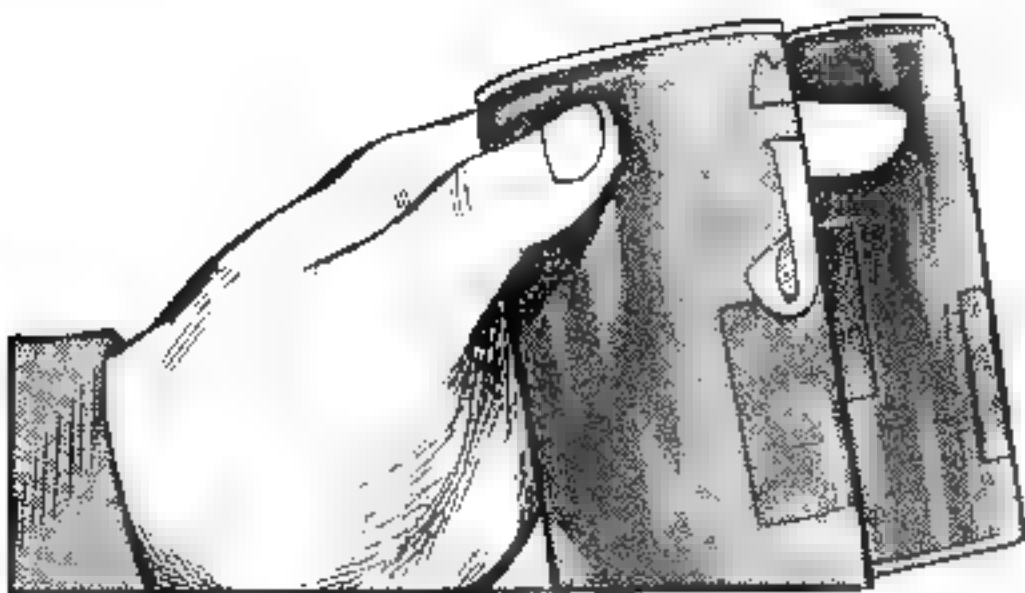












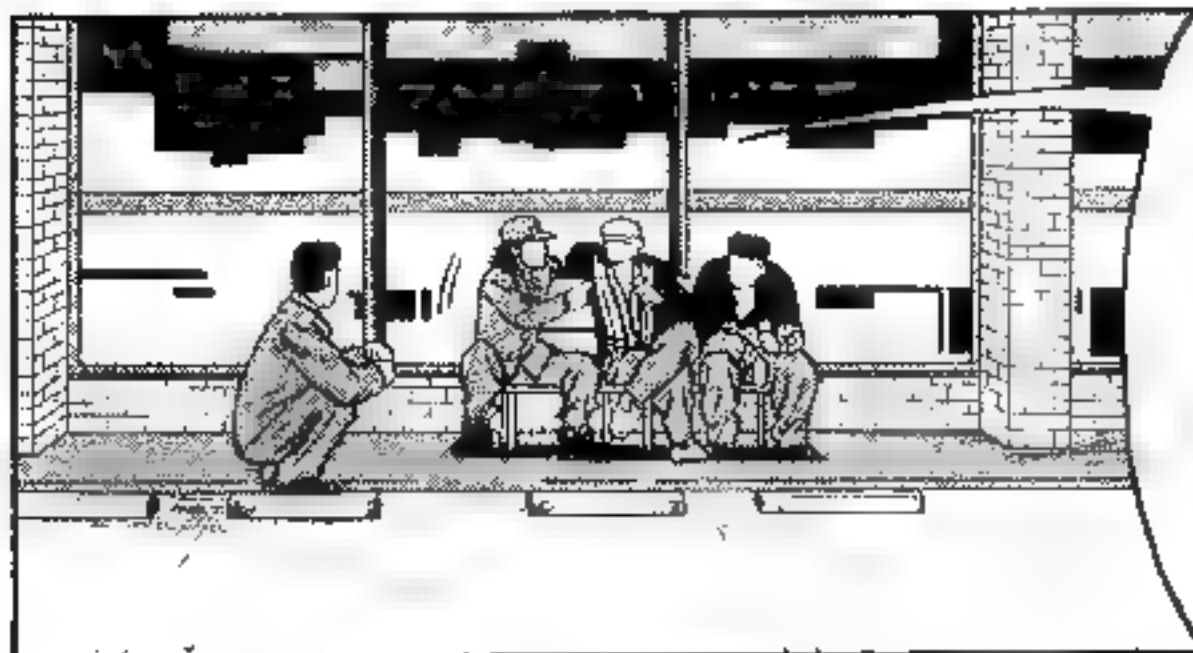
SORRY FOR
PICKING A
FIGHT OUTTA
THE BLUE...
HERE, HAVE
A DRINK...



YOU'RE
ALRIGHT
...



HEY
THANKS,
OSAMU.



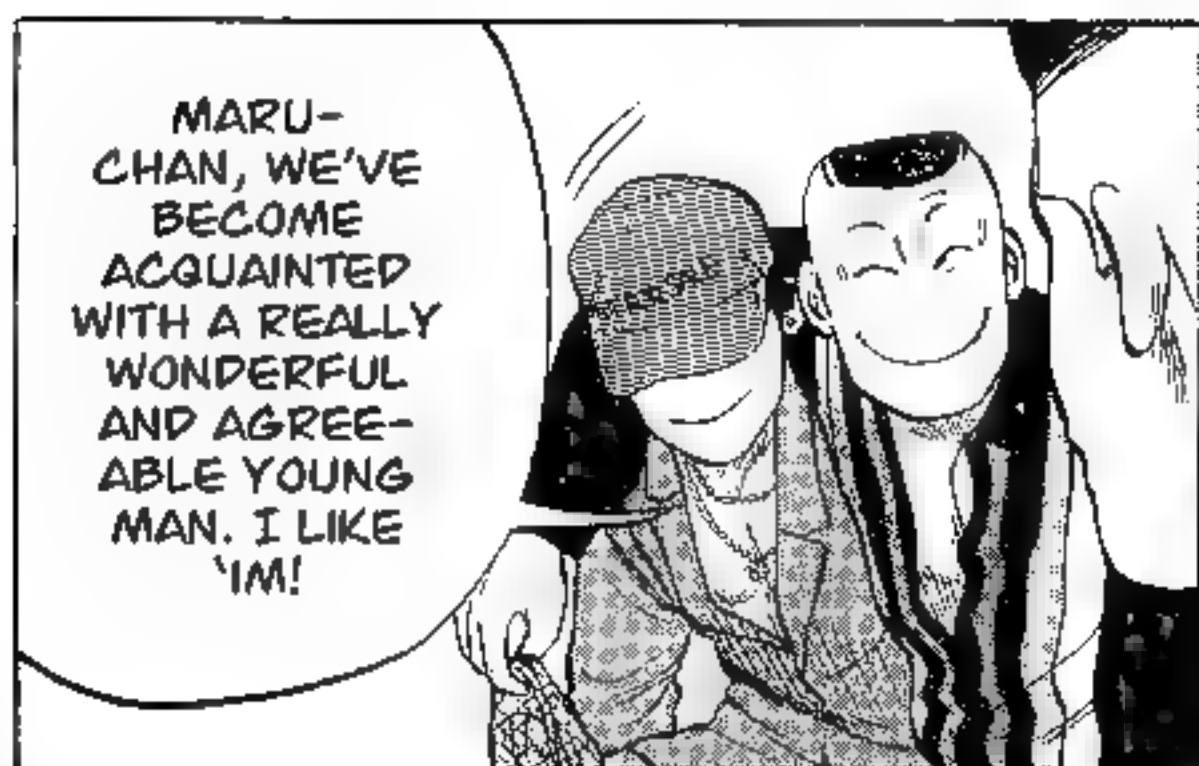
MORE IMPORTANTLY,
WHAT WE WERE
TALKING ABOUT
BEFORE. THERE'S
REALLY GUYS THAT
ARE STRONGER THAN
GUYS LIKE YOU? I
MEAN, SUPER STRONG
GUYS LIKE YOU?



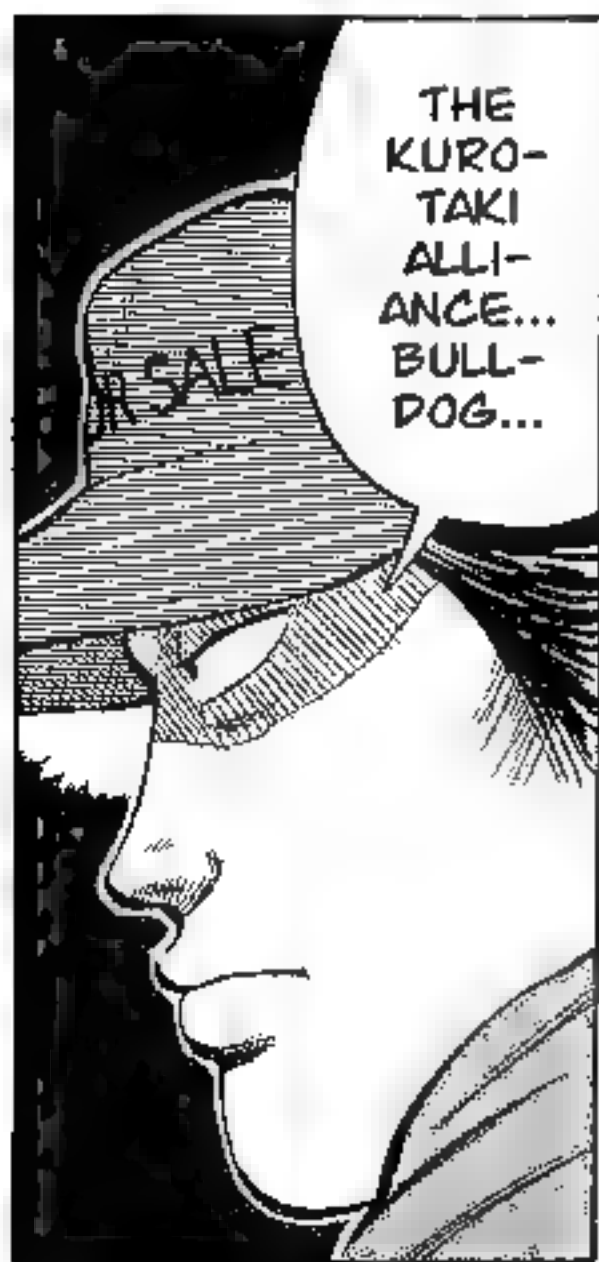
YEAH, I
MEAN EVEN
YOUR FACE
IS INVINCIBLE!

ARE WE
REALLY
THAT
STRONG?






SO THEN...
WHO IS IT
THAT'S
YOUR
BOSS?







IT'S SOMETHING ME AND KAKU-CHAN DON'T HAVE. THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN BE THE BOSS IS THE ONE WHO HAS A POWER LIKE THAT.

HE'S NOT JUST A GOOD FIGHTER... HE HAS SOME KINDA MYSTERIOUS POWER. THE POWER TO DRAW PEOPLE TOWARDS HIM ...



...

YEAH! WE'RE JUST NOT RIGHT FOR THE JOB.

AS SOON AS WE NOTICED, WE WENT AHEAD AND ASKED HIM TO BE THE LEADER. RIGHT, KAKU-CHAN?

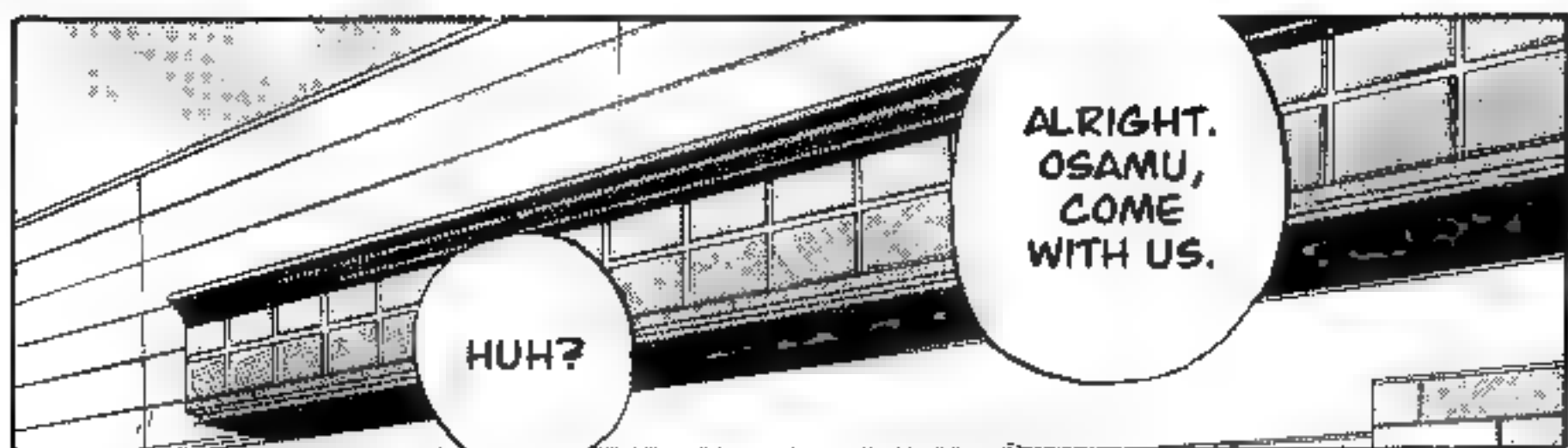


THAT'S AWE-SOME!



IN FACT, I DON'T THINK EITHER OF US COULD BEAT HIM ANYMORE ...

EVER SINCE HE BECAME LEADER, BULLDOG'S BECOME AN EVEN BIGGER MAN.



HUH?

ALRIGHT. OSAMU, COME WITH US.



COME MEET OUR BOSS.



GOOD
AFTER-
NOON!
WEL-
COME
BACK!

WEL-
COME
BACK!

GOOD
AFTER-
NOON!

THANKS!

THANKS!

ULP!

GOOD
DAY,
SIRS!

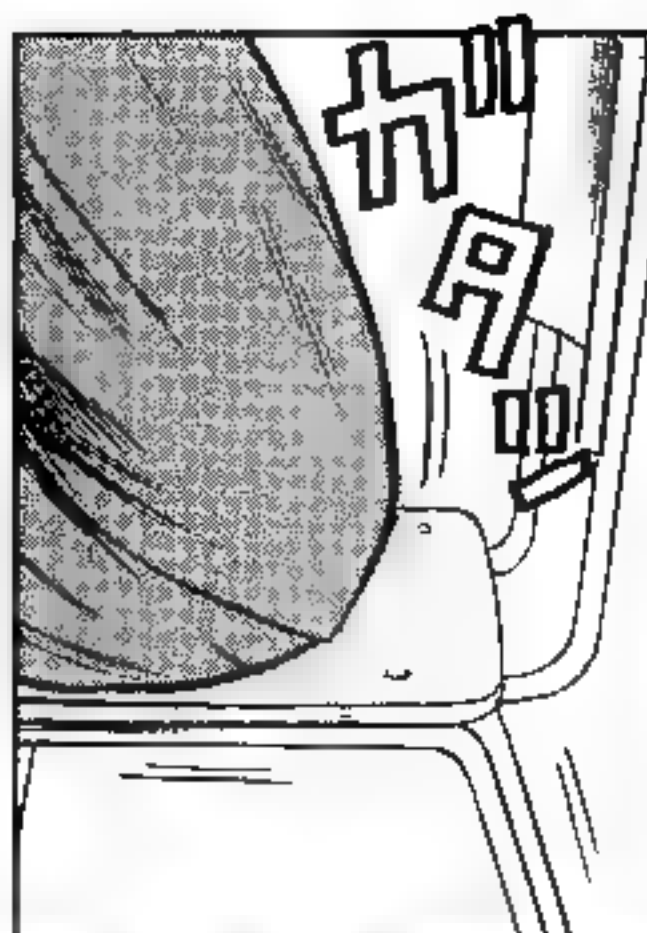
GOOD
AFTER-
NOON!

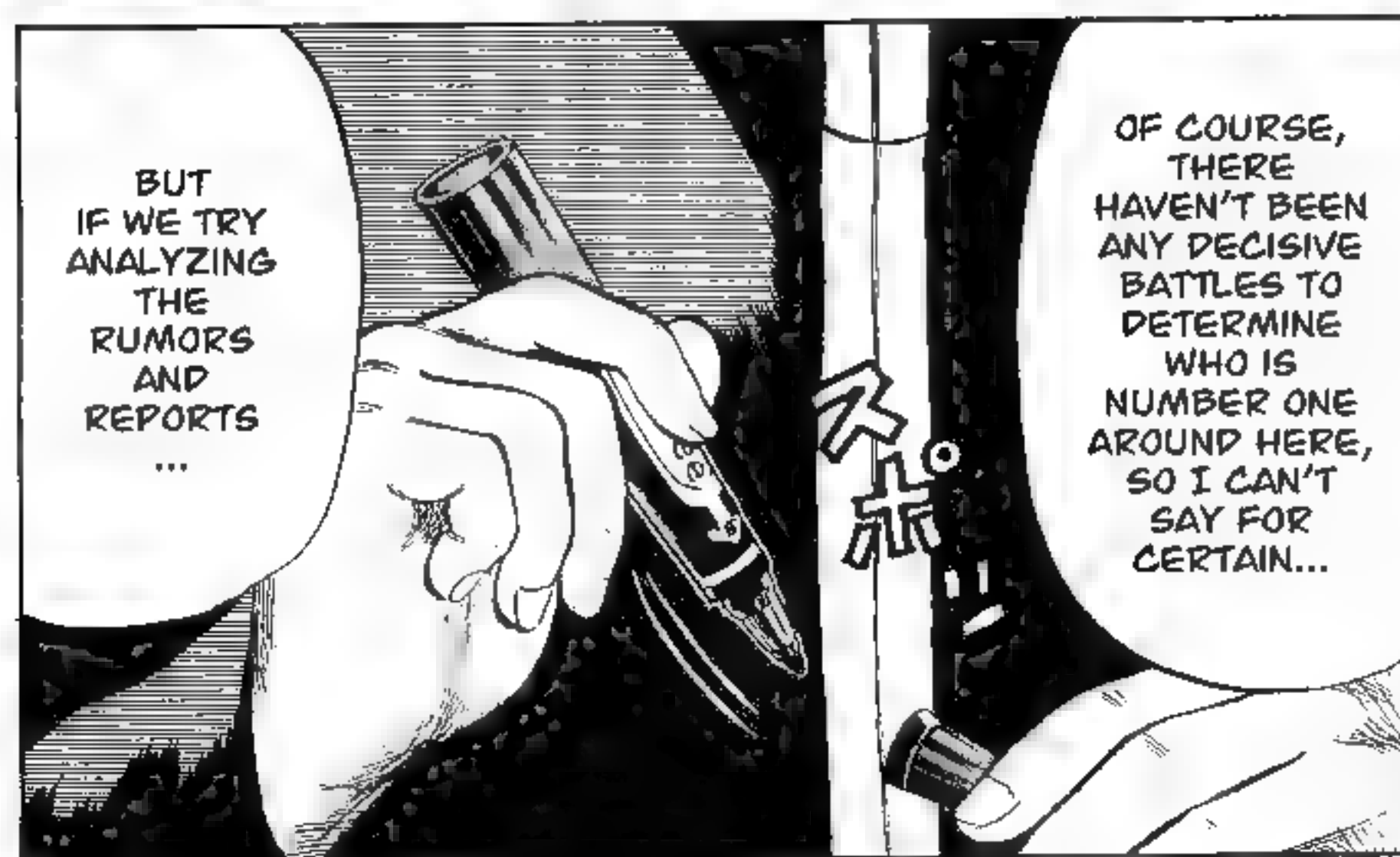
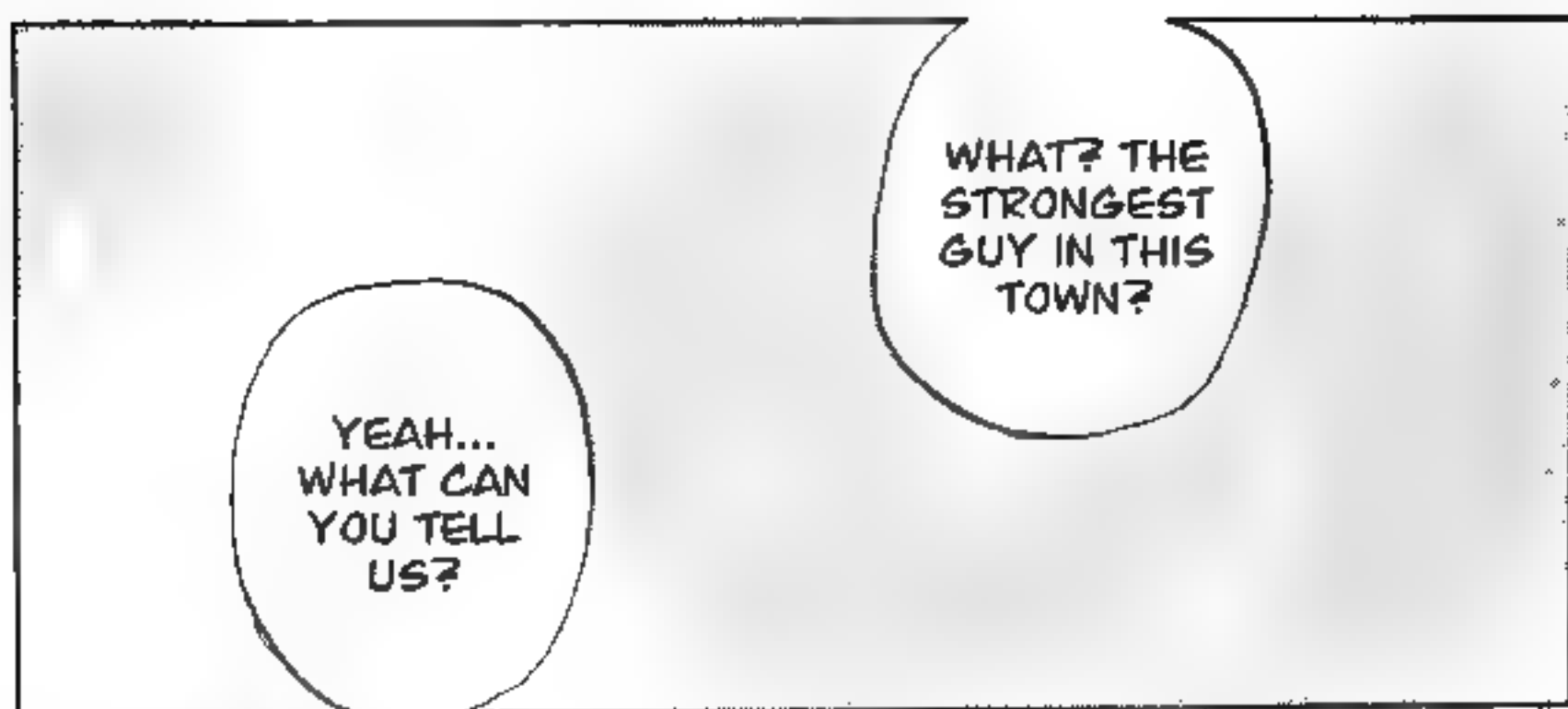














AND
KADOZUMI
KENICHI.



FIRST,
HERE IN
THE WEST,
WE HAVE
KUROSAKI
INDUSTRIAL'S
MARUYAMA
KENICHI.



AND THEN,
OF COURSE,
TAKIYA
COMMERCE'S
FURUKAWA
OSAMU.




NEXT, THERE'S
YAGISAWA AKIRA,
FROM TSUKAMOTO
HIGH. THEN HIRA-
JIMA SHINGO FROM
NANAMORI INDUS-
TRIAL. AFTER THAT,
AIDA HIGH'S UESUGI
RYOHEI IS SOME-
WHAT A CELEBRITY.

東


THEN,
THE BIG
SCHOOL
OVER ON
THE EAST
SIDE IS
SUZURAN
HIGH...

AND
NO MATTER
HOW YOU CUT
IT, THE GUY
WHO RULES
SUZURAN IS
BOUYA HARU-
MICHİ.

AND EVEN
THOUGH THEY'RE
KINDA HIDDEN IN
BOUYA'S SHADOW,
THERE'S THE TRIO
OF KIRISHIMA,
HONJOU, AND
SUGIHARA. AMONG
THEM, SUGIHARA
IS SAID TO BE THE
STRONGEST.



THEN
THERE'S
KUNOU
RYUUSHIN,
WHO'S SAID
TO HAVE LOST
TO BOUYA
HARUMICHI.
BUT NO
DOUBT HE'S A
CONTENDER.



AND YOU
CAN'T
FORGET THE
ONE WHO'S
SAID TO BE
THE STRON-
GEST IN THE
SCHOOL'S
HISTORY,
RINDAMAN.



THAT
ABOUT
COVERS ALL
THE NAMES
WE KNOW
ABOUT HERE.
THERE ARE
SOME SERI-
OUSLY
STRONG GUYS
ON THIS LIST,
BUT IT'S HARD
TO SAY WHO
IS THE
STRONGEST.

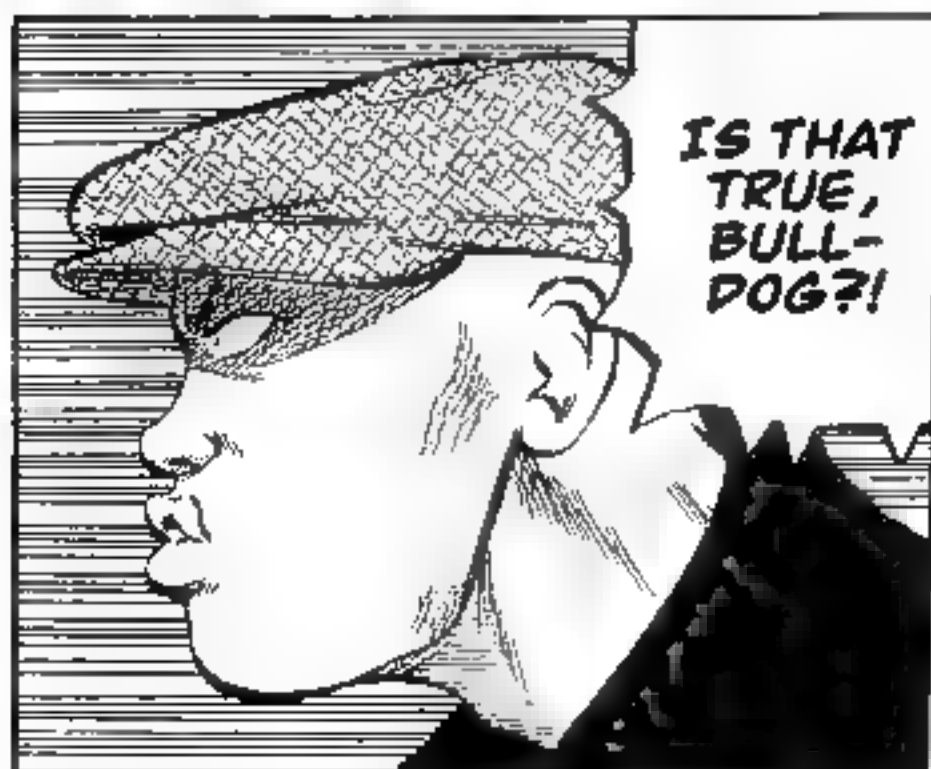
西
マルゲン
カゲン
アル
ハ木沢
平島
上杉

東
坊屋
杉原
リンダ
九龍
石川
吉川兄弟

THEN
I GUESS
WOULD BE
ISHIKAWA
FROM KAWADA
SECOND HIGH.
THEN THE
KIKKAWA
BROTHERS
FROM HADANI
COMMERCE.



WHAT
?!



IS THAT
TRUE,
BULL-
DOG?!



HEY
ANIKI, ABOUT
YAGISAWA FROM
TSUKAMOTO HIGH
AND HIRAJIMA
FROM NANAMORI
INDUSTRIAL...
SINCE THEIR
NAMES HAVE
COME UP...

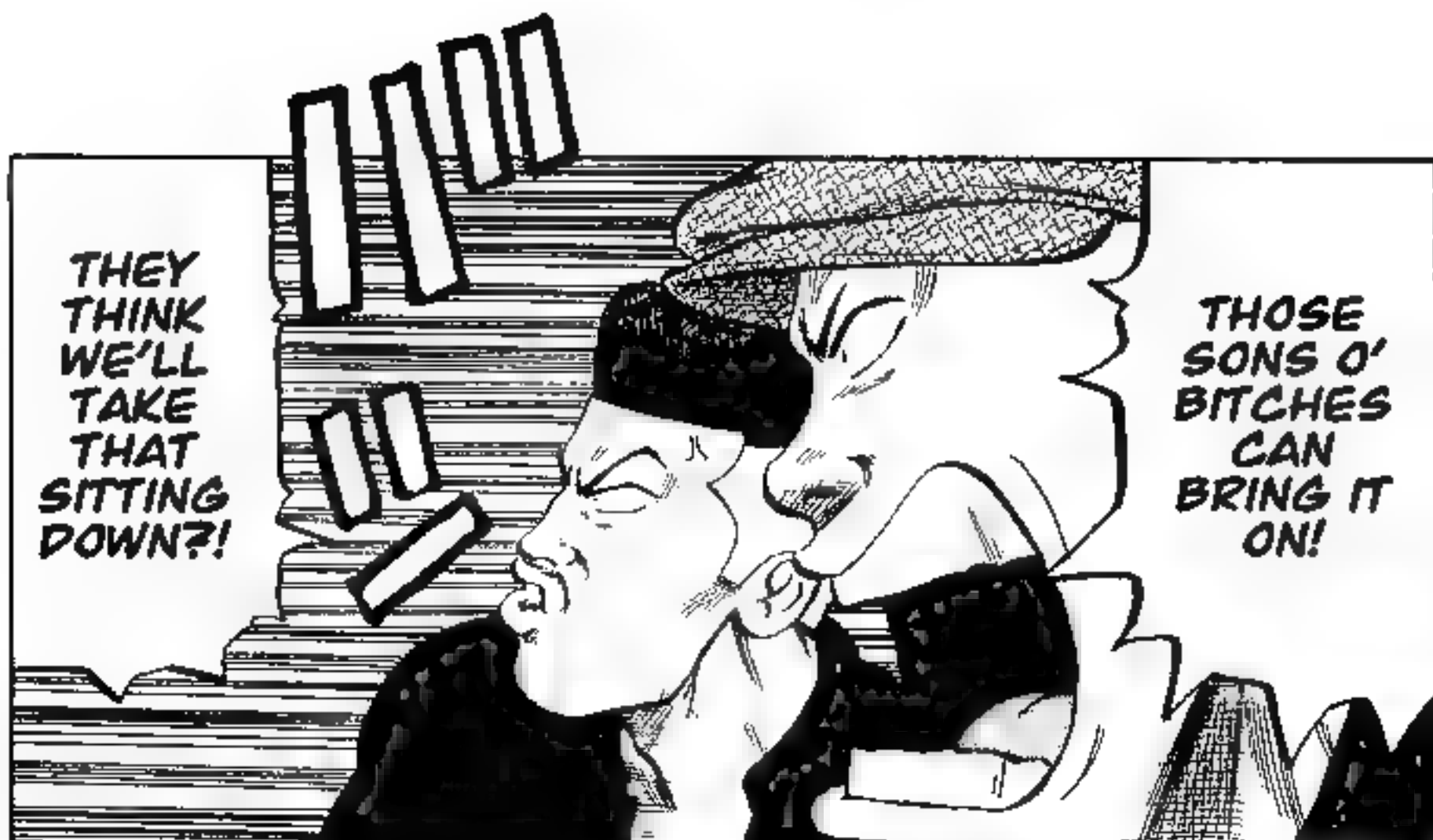
THEY'VE
JOINED UP
IN AN
ATTEMPT
TO IMITATE
OUR ALLI-
ANCE.



THEY
DECLARED
WAR ON
US!

YEAH.
LAST
NIGHT,
THEY
GANGED
UP ON
FOUR OR
FIVE OF
OUR
GUYS

...



THEY
THINK
WE'LL
TAKE
THAT
SITTING
DOWN?!

THOSE
SONS O'
BITCHES
CAN
BRING IT
ON!



W
H
A
T
?!

THAT'S
THE THING! THEY
WANNA SETTLE THIS
WITH ONE-ON-ONE
MATCHES! THEY
CAME AND SPECI-
FIED THE TIME AND
PLACE.



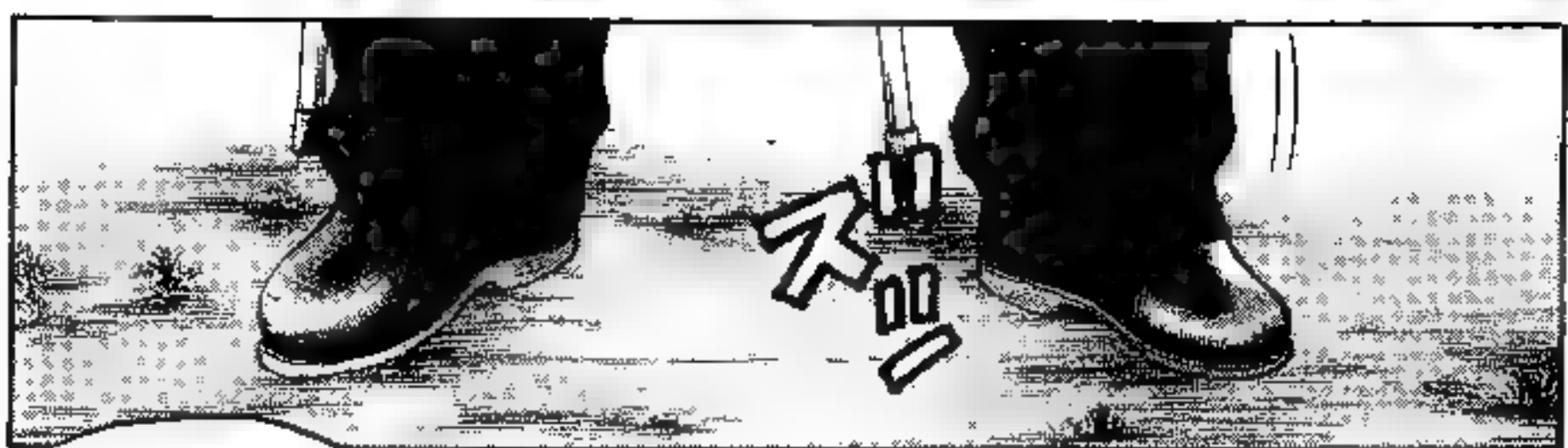
YAGISAWA
AND HIRA-
JIMA ARE
STRONG,
SURE, BUT...
THEY CAN'T
THINK THAT
THEY'D BEAT
BULLDOG
ONE-ON-
ONE?!

WAIT A
SEC...
WHAT'S
THE
CATCH?
DON'T
THEY OUT-
NUMBER
US BY
FAR?



**DON'T
ACCEPT,
ANIKI!!**

**THAT'S
RIGHT!
THERE
HAS TO
BE A
CATCH!**



**I'LL
SHOW YOU,
NO MATTER
HOW DIRTY
THOSE
BASTARDS
ARE, I'LL
WIN!**

**DON'T
WORRY**

...





THAT
GUY'S
GONNA BE
THE ONE TO
CONTROL
THIS TOWN.
HELL,
MAYBE
EVEN
BEYOND

I
THINK
IT'S
SAFE
TO
SAY



It was
Maruken and
Kakuken, and
also Takanashi
Osamu and

Katayama
Chikhi who
were drawn to
Bulldog and
lent him their
strength to
make this
possible.

Just as
Osamu pre-
dicted,
Bulldog, or
Furukawa

Osamu, would
later make
the name of
the Kurotaki
Alliance
known
throughout
the country.



Our Bouya
Harumichi...

And also one
more person...
One who was
bound to Bulldog
by a close
friendship, and
who Bulldog
trusted.

After fighting the
urge to just throw
away the bento
that Rindaman
made and eating it
instead, Harumichi
was in the park,
having a dream...

zzz



Sleeping under a sky
full of stars, in good
spirits and with a full
belly, the noises of the
town in the distance,
Haramichi was happy.



PAULA AND DANGERERS ARE

paulda: Translator/Proofer

Harunichi Bouya: Translator/Proofer

nokeats: cleaner

KSC: Typesetter

LET'S ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE AND ALL LEARN TO
ENJOY APPRECIATING THE PEOPLE THING IN LIFE...

JUST STARTED OUR WHOLECROWDWORKS.COM
THE ONE THAT STARTED IT ALL:
[HTTP://VOLUNTEER-MAGAZINEFORLIFE.ORG/](http://volunteer-magazineforlife.org/)



EVEN SO,
THEY'RE
OPTING FOR
ONE-ON-ONE.
THERE'S
SOMETHING
FISHY!

IF
TSUKAMOTO
HIGH AND
NANAMORI
INDUSTRIAL
HAVE JOINED
FORCES,
THEY'LL OUT-
NUMBER US
TWO TO ONE.



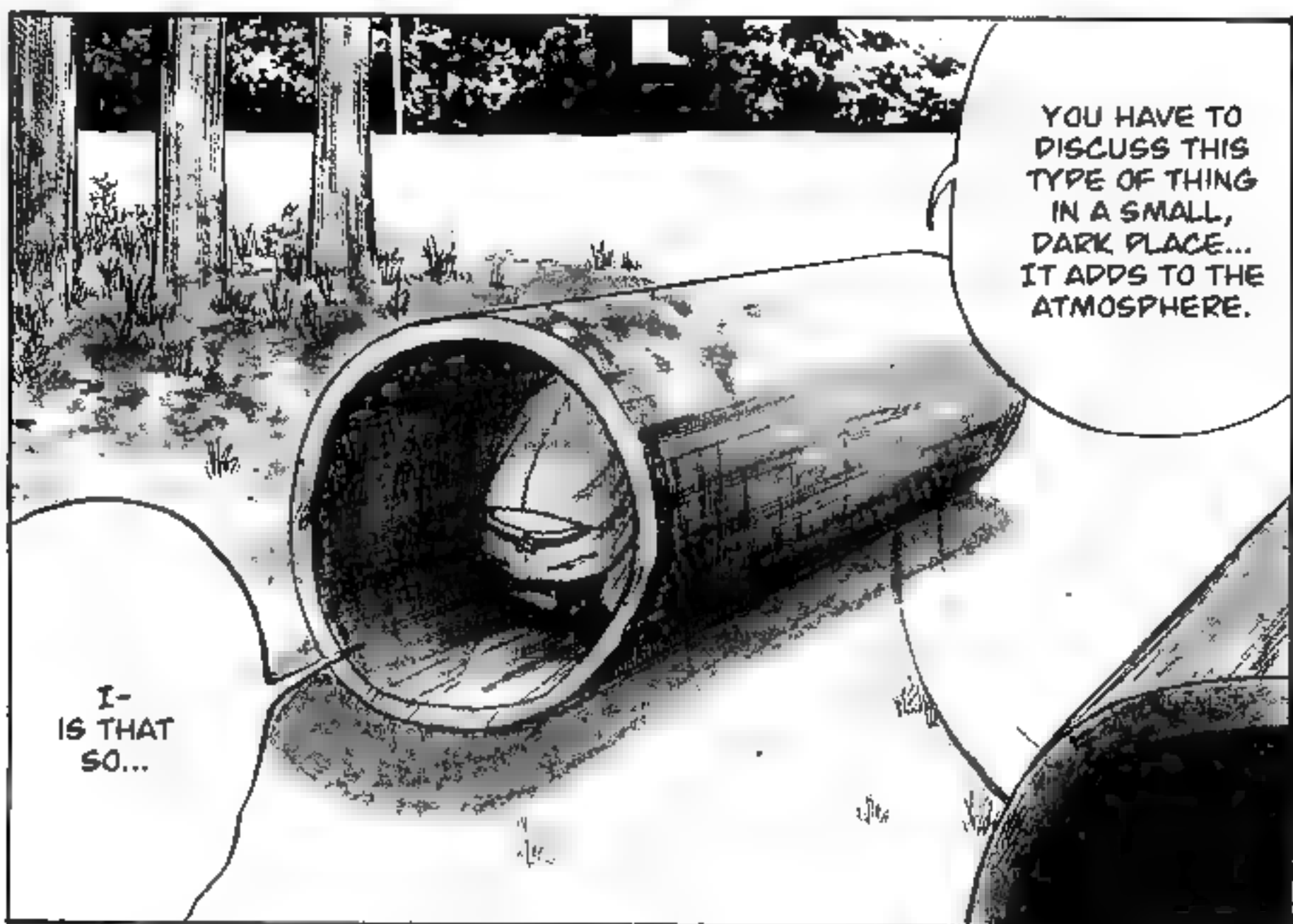
IT
DOESN'T
FEEL
RIGHT!

PLUS THE
FACT THAT
THEY'VE
DECIDED ON
THE TIME AND
PLACE. IT
MEANS THAT
THEY'RE SURE
OF THEM-
SELVES.

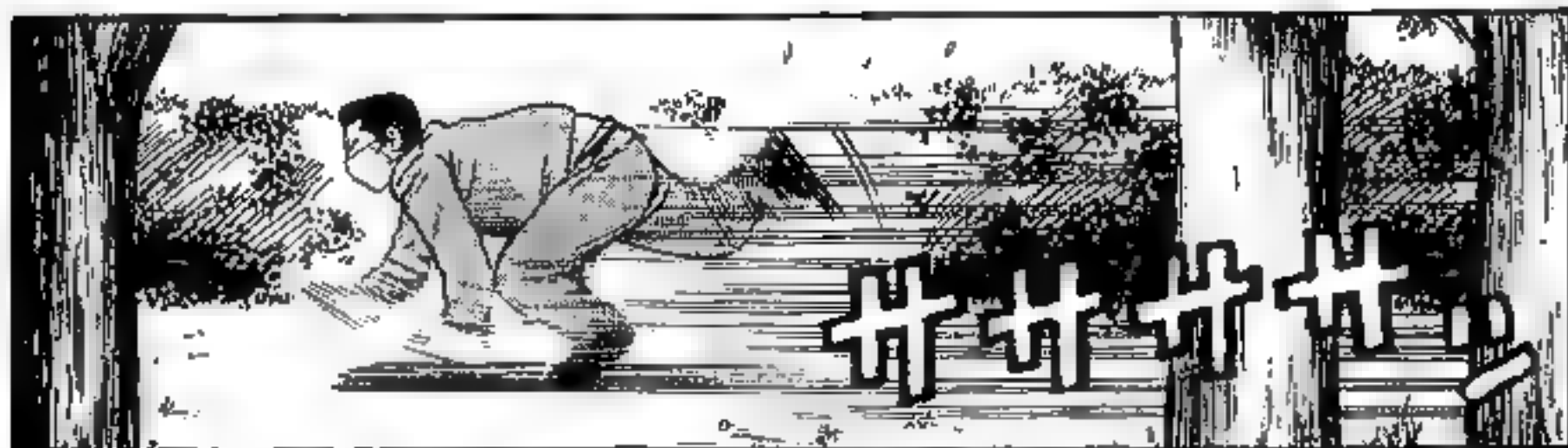
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CHANGE OF HEART

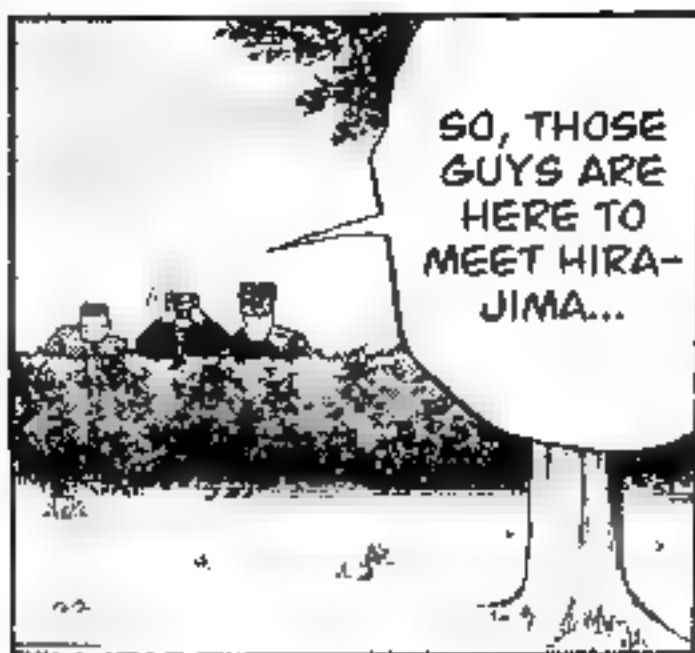
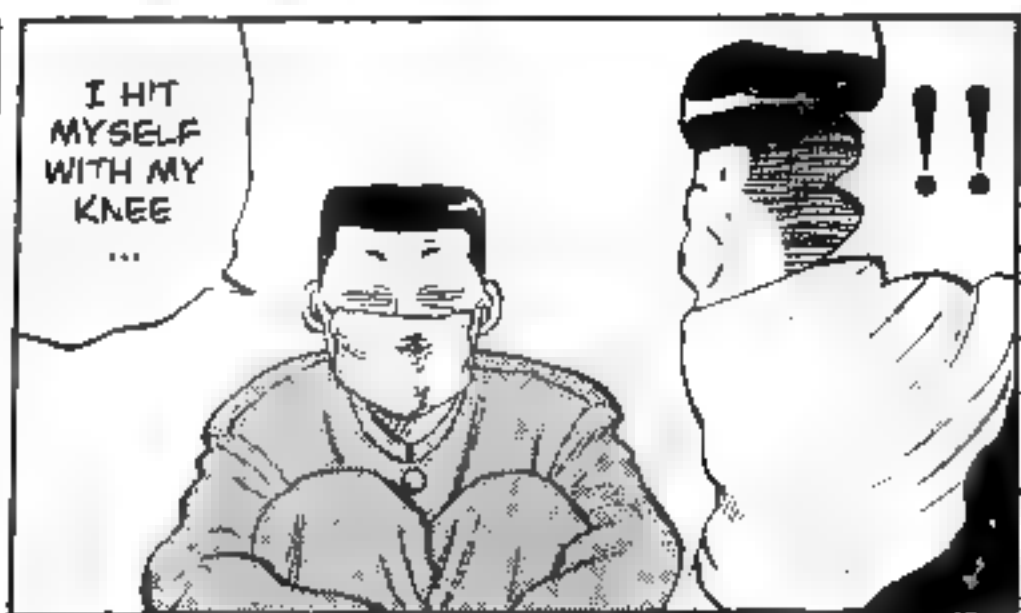
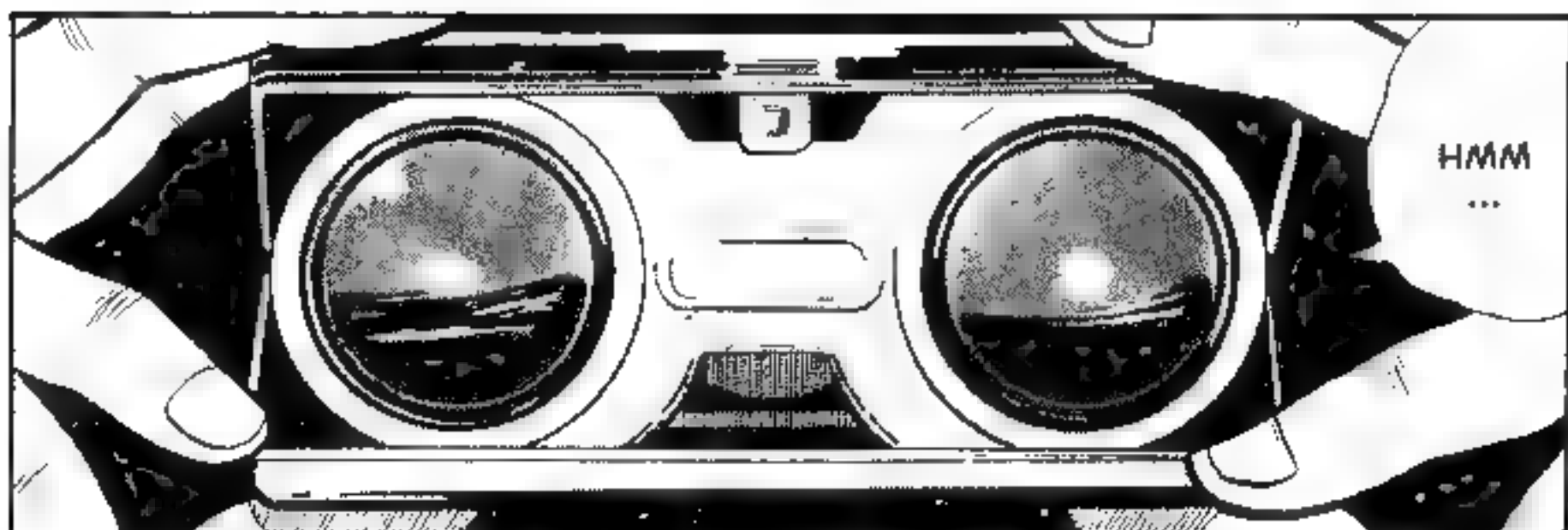
黒炎連合

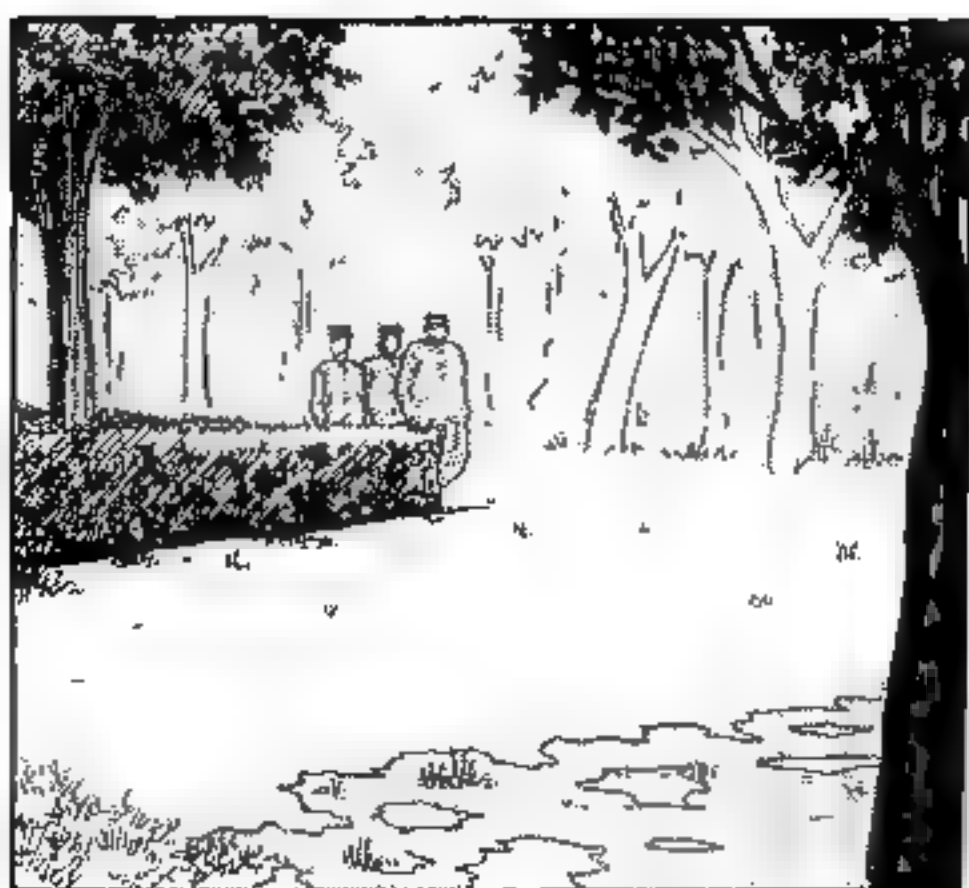




That day, reconnaissance on Tsukamoto High and
Nanamori Industrial immediately went into effect...



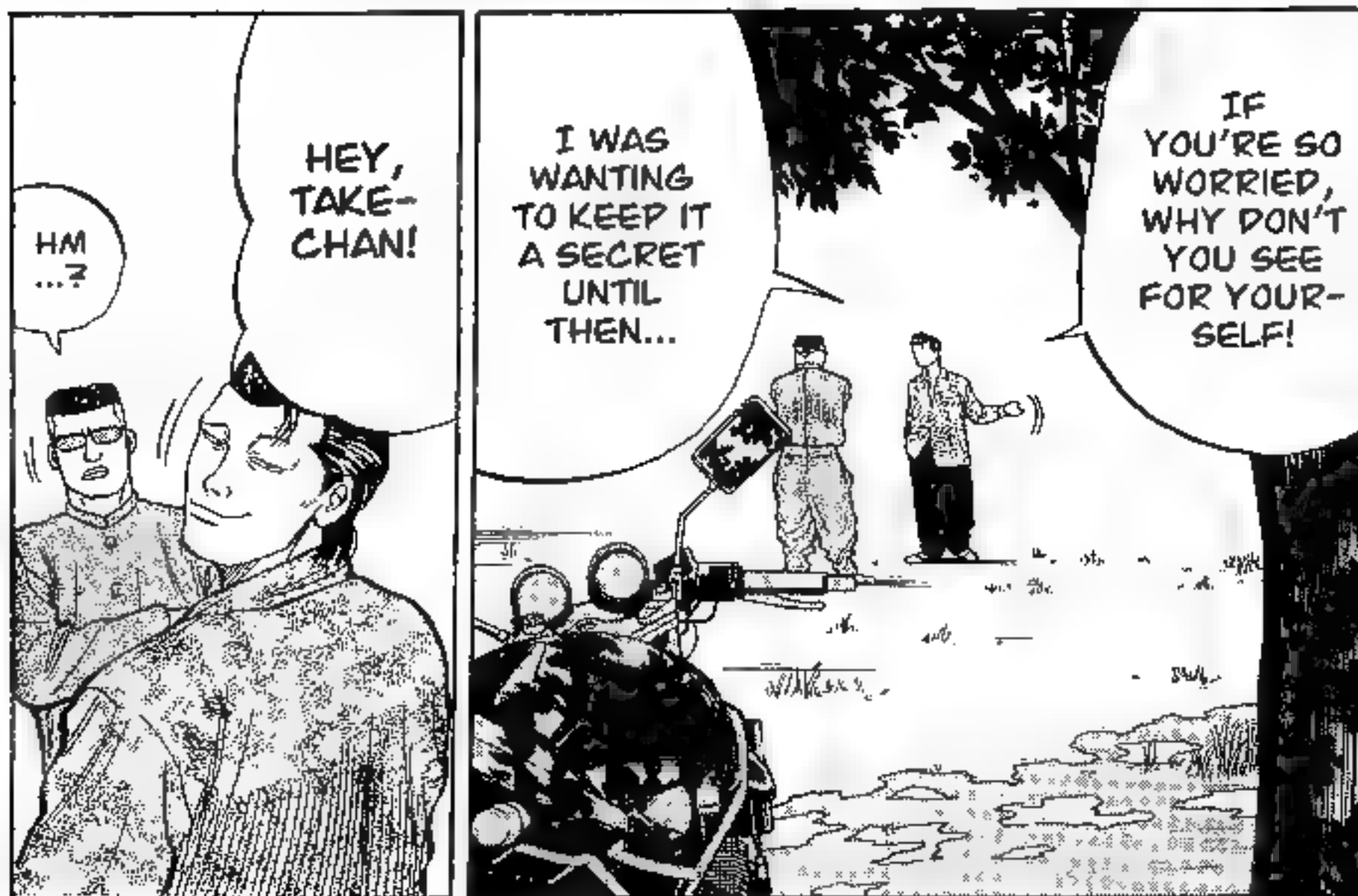




Nanamori Industrial High
Hirajima Shingo

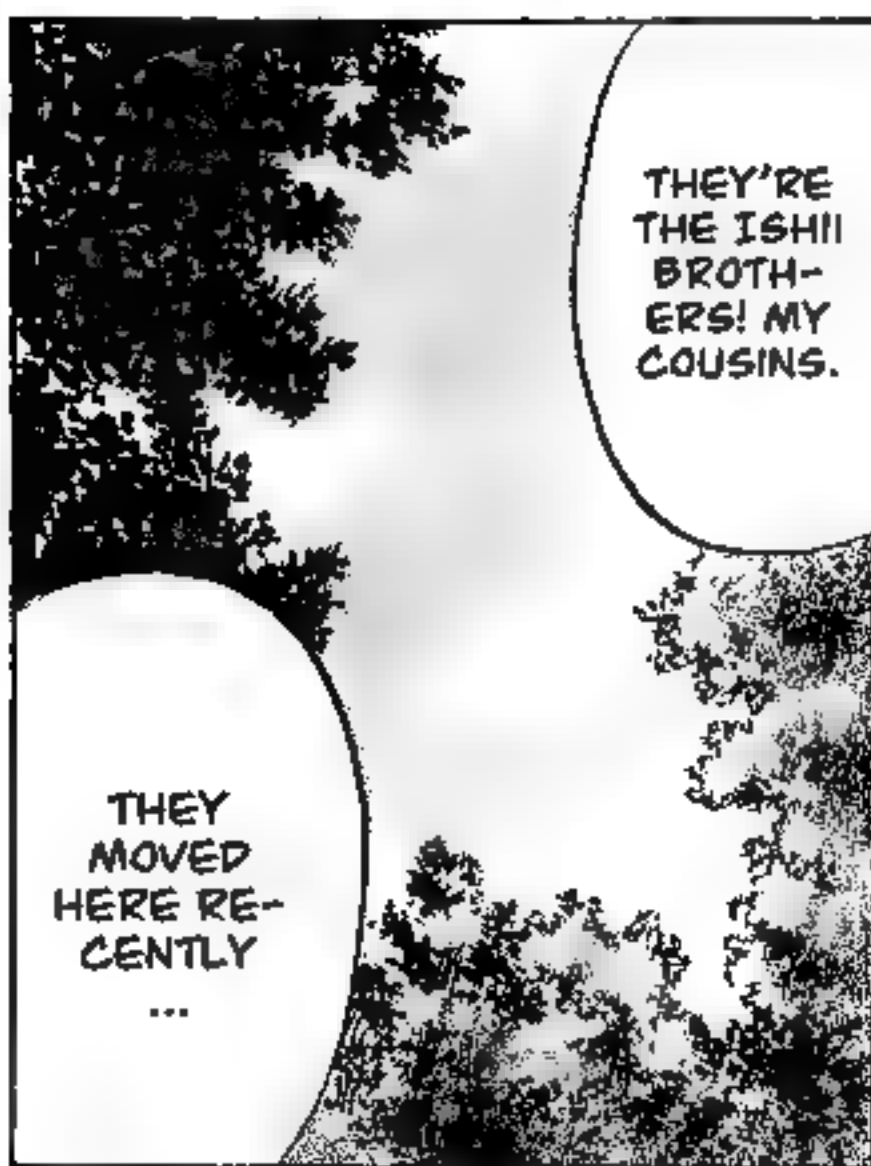








H-he's huge...



THEY
MOVED
HERE RE-
CENTLY
...

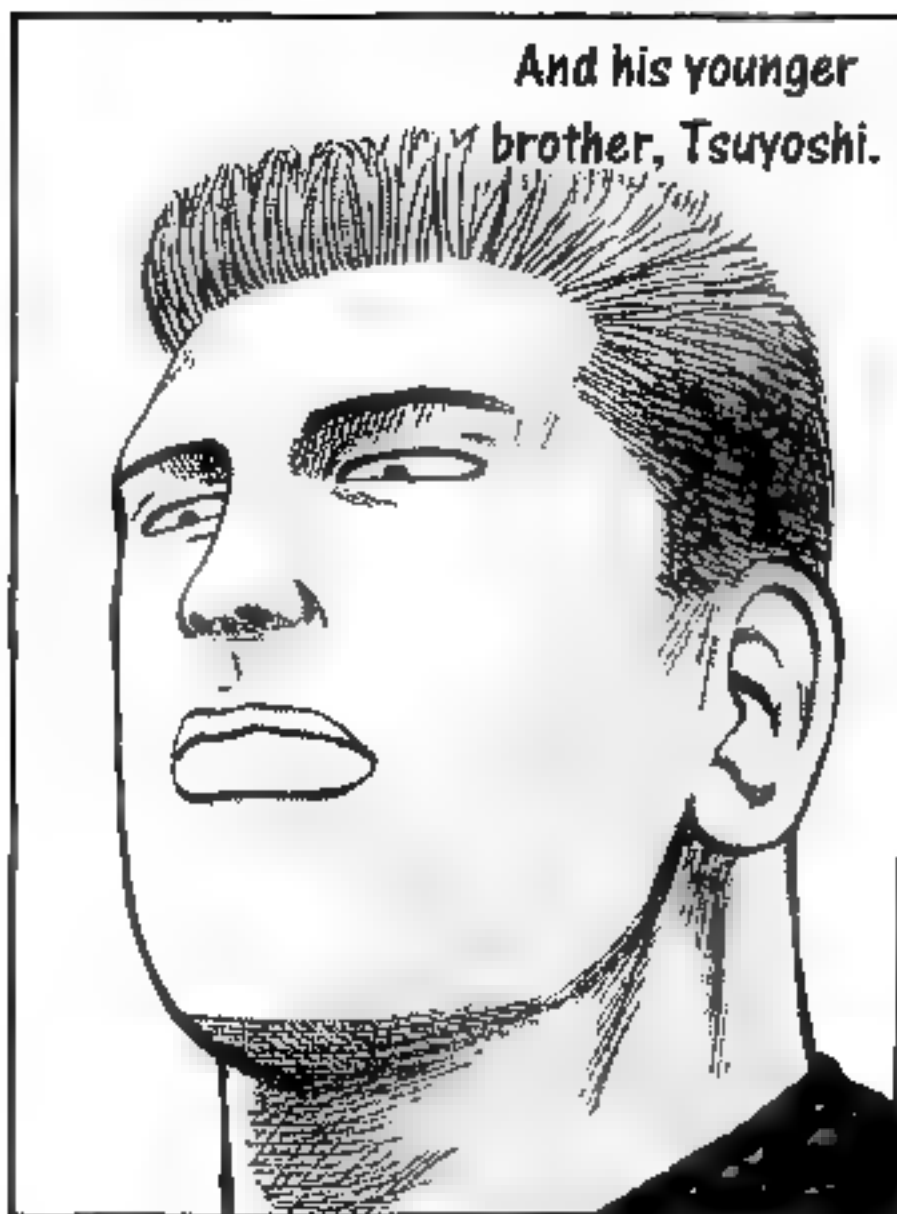
THEY'RE
THE ISHII
BROTHERS! MY
COUSINS.



WH-WHAT
IS THIS?
ARE THEY
PRO
WREST-
LERS?

SO, YOU
FEEL
BETTER
NOW?

And his younger
brother, Tsuyoshi.



Takeshi's the
older brother, and
the same year as
we are...



THEY WON'T
LOSE TO
BULLDOG.

THESE TWO
ARE KNOWN
IN THE
SOUTHERN
PREFECTURE
AS THE
BOSSES OF
THE INVINC-
IBLE RATS*!



*"RATS" IS ORIGINALLY SPELLED IN ENGLISH.

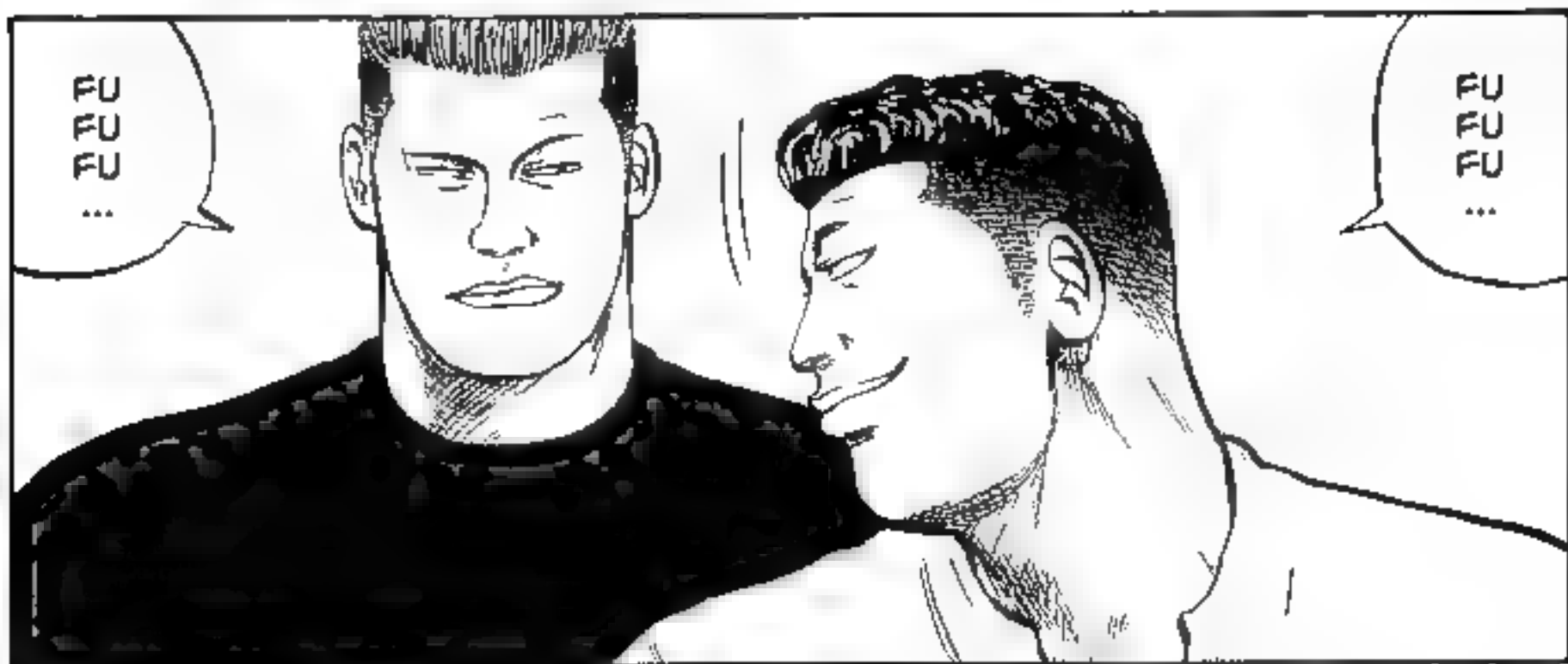




THE KUROTAKE ALLIANCE IS FINISHED!



Y-YEAH... THIS GUY COULD TAKE BULLDOG ...



FU FU FU ...

FU FU FU ...

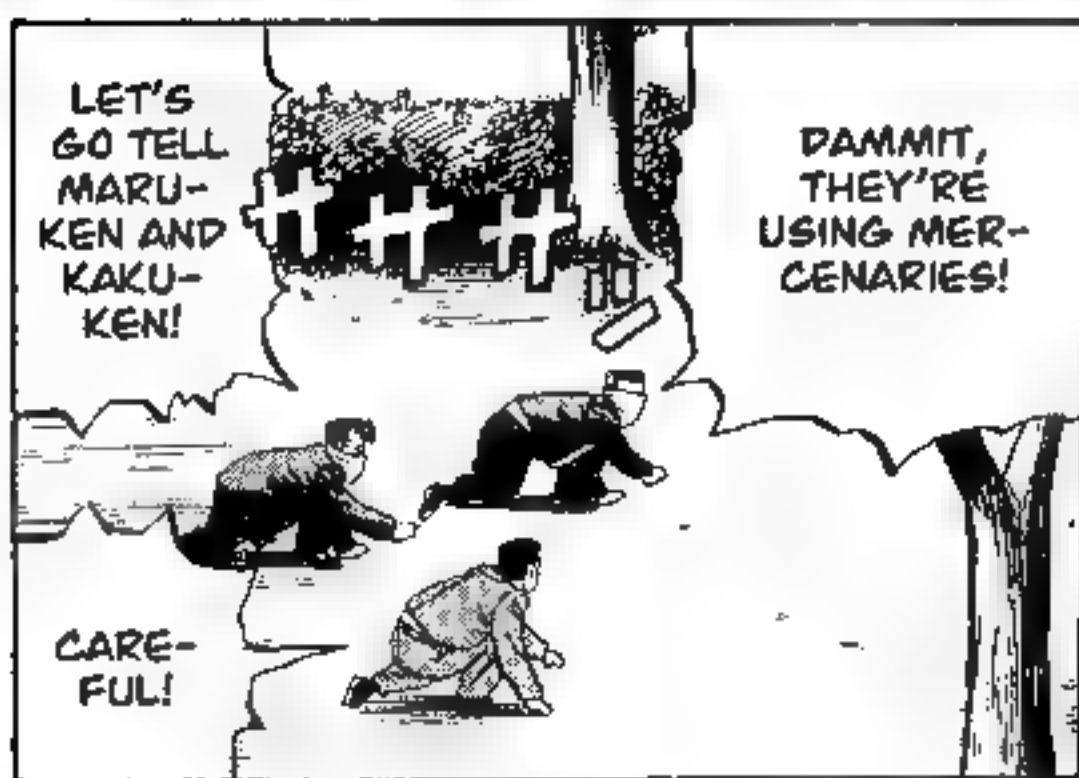
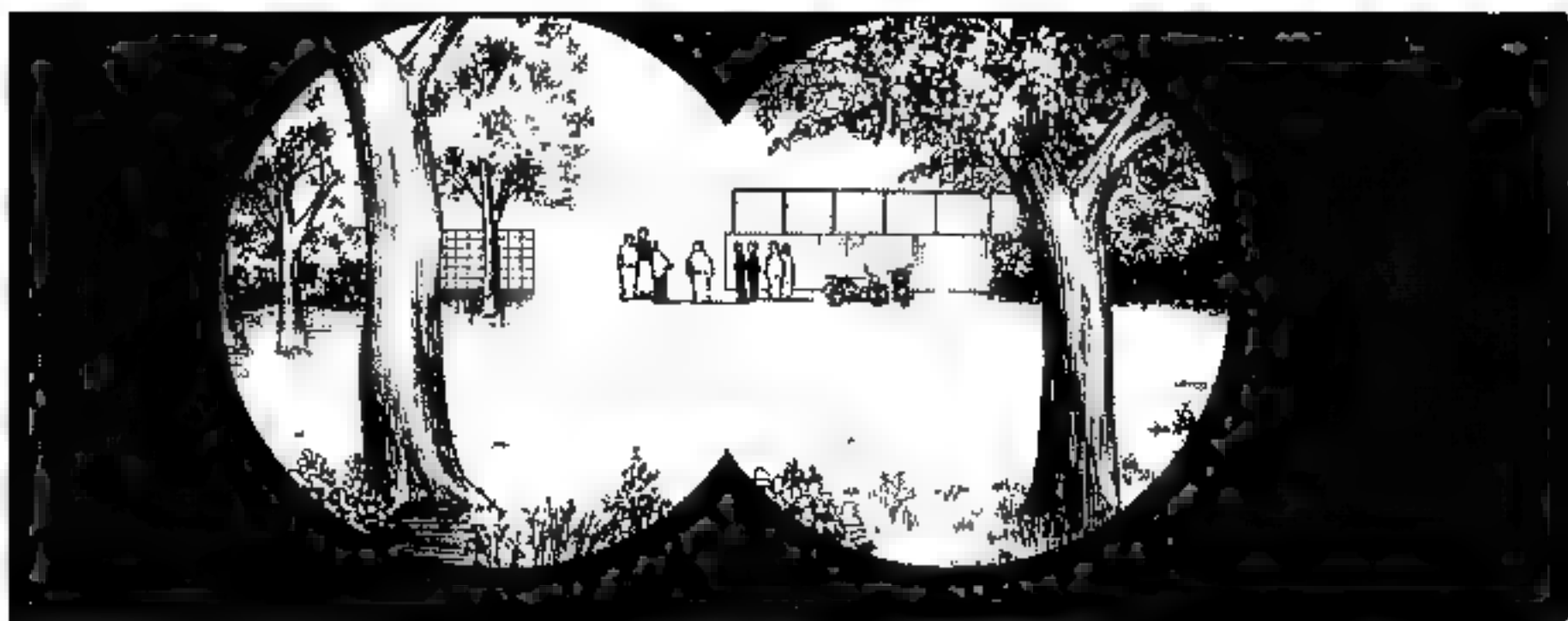


WHAT DO YOU THINK! WE'RE GOING TO SHOW EVERYONE BULLDOG GETTING HIS HEAD RIPPED OFF!



HEY! SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE FIGHT!

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?



Word spread
like wildfire.

Saturday 3:00PM
Gokoku Temple
The Kurotaki Alliance
Vs. The Tsukamoto-
Nanamori Alliance





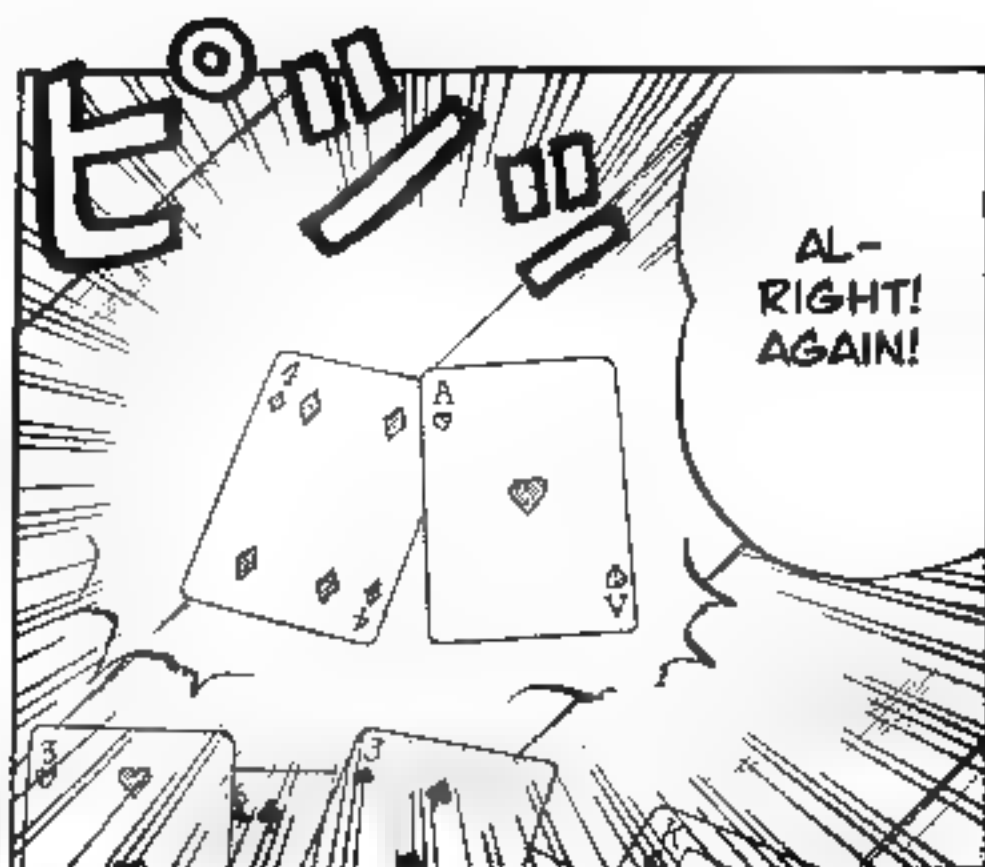
WORD
IS ALL
OVER
THE
STREET!



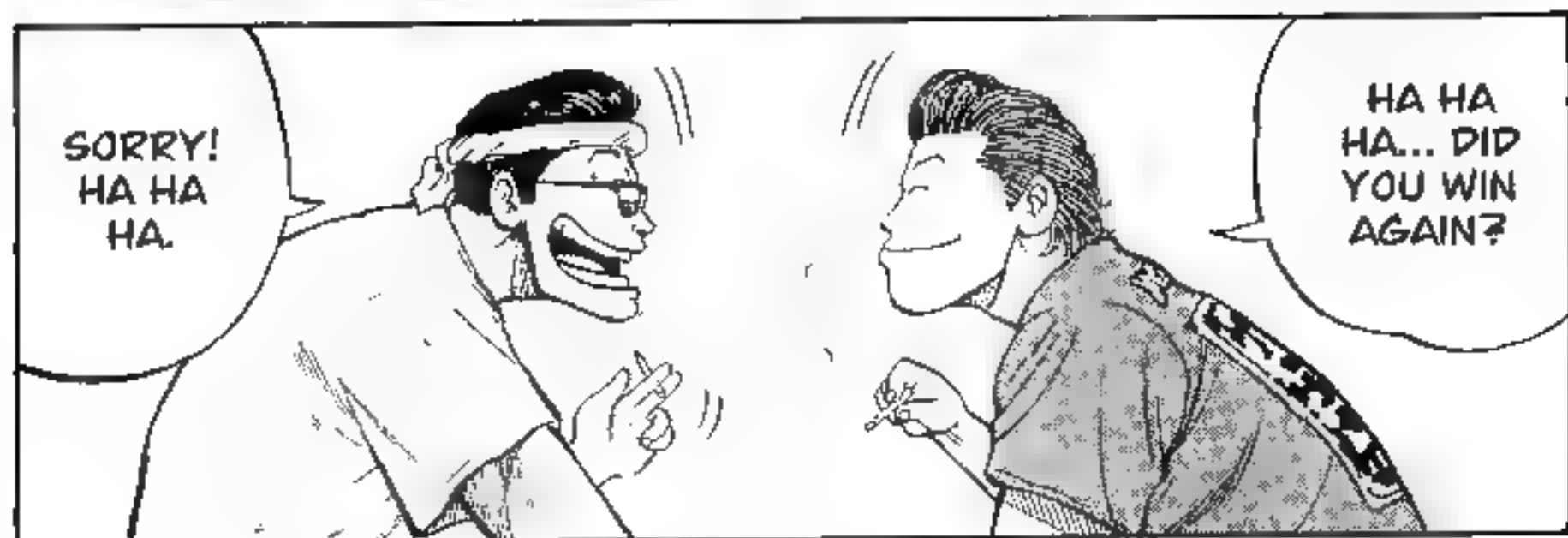




I WON
AGAIN,
DIDN'T
I?



AL-
RIGHT!
AGAIN!



SORRY!
HA HA
HA.

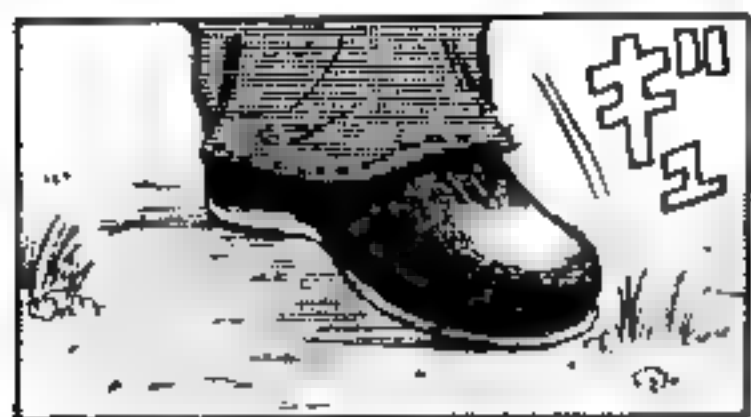
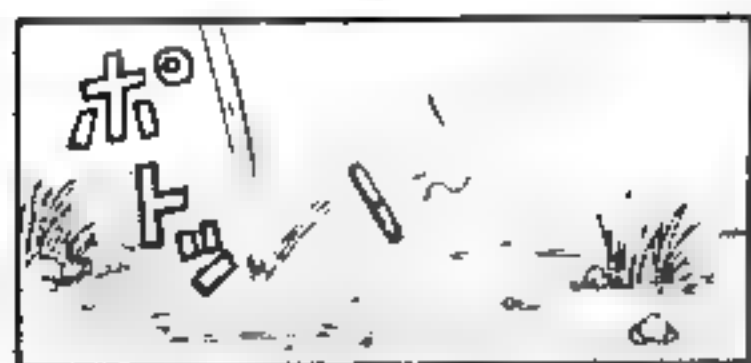
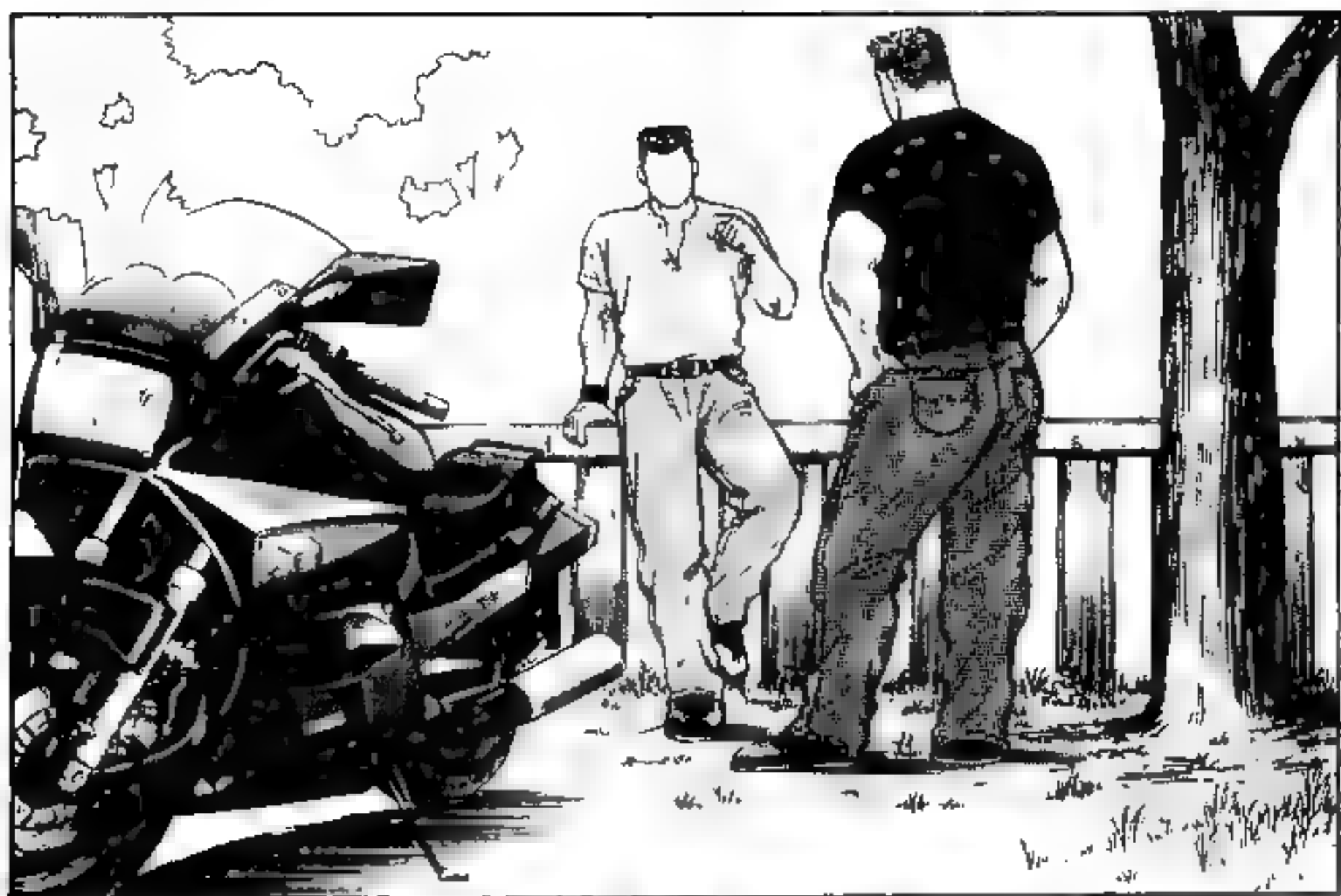
HA HA
HA... DID
YOU WIN
AGAIN?



WHOA!

DON'T
BULL-
SHIT
ME!
YOU
CHEAT-
ING
BAST-
ARD!







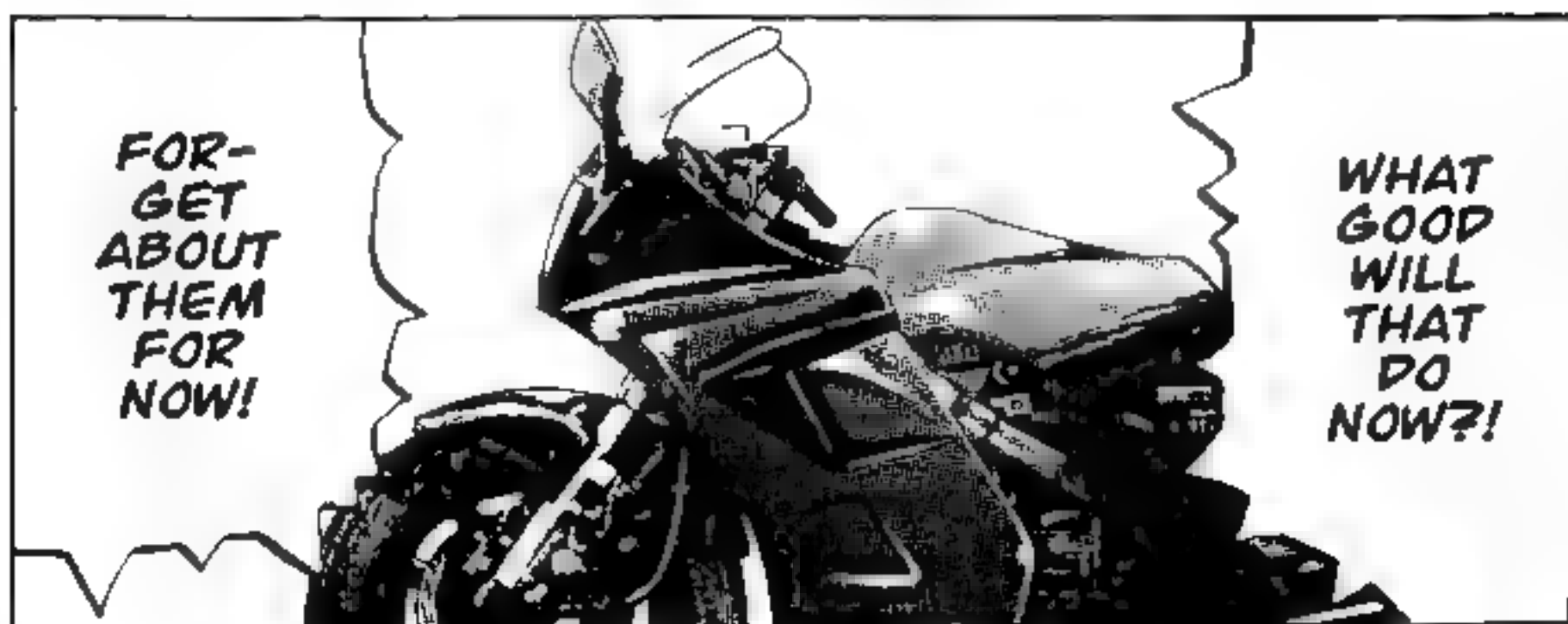
THAT RATS,
THE STRON-
GEST GROUP
IN THE SOUTH,
GOT BEAT BY
JUST FIVE
GUYS?

ARE YOU
GOING TO
TELL HIM
THAT THE
TWO OF US
BARELY
MADE IT
OUT
ALIVE?!
HUH?!



SHUT
IT!

BUT THAT'S
THE TRUTH.
WE'RE THE
ONLY SURVI-
VORS OF A
TEAM THAT
WAS 100
STRONG
BECAUSE OF
THOSE
FREAKS...



FOR-
GET
ABOUT
THEM
FOR
NOW!

WHAT
GOOD
WILL
THAT
DO
NOW?!



WE NEED TO
USE ANY
OPPORTUNITY
WE CAN TO
FORM ANOTHER
ORGANIZATION.

IN ANY
CASE,
WE'RE
GOING TO
CONQUER
THIS
PLACE
TOO!

WE'LL
DEAL
WITH
THEM
LATER.



...

YOU
NEED TO
FLATTEN
THAT
BULLDOG,
OR WHAT-
EVER HIS
NAME IS.
GOT IT?!



OKAY.



WH-
WHAT DID
BULLDOG
SAY...?



WH-
WHAT'S HE
GOING TO
DO! HIS
OPPONENT'S
THE SIZE
OF A PRO
WRESTLER!

IT'S NO
USE. HE
WOULDN'T
LISTEN!



WITH
BIG
MUS-
CLES
TOO!

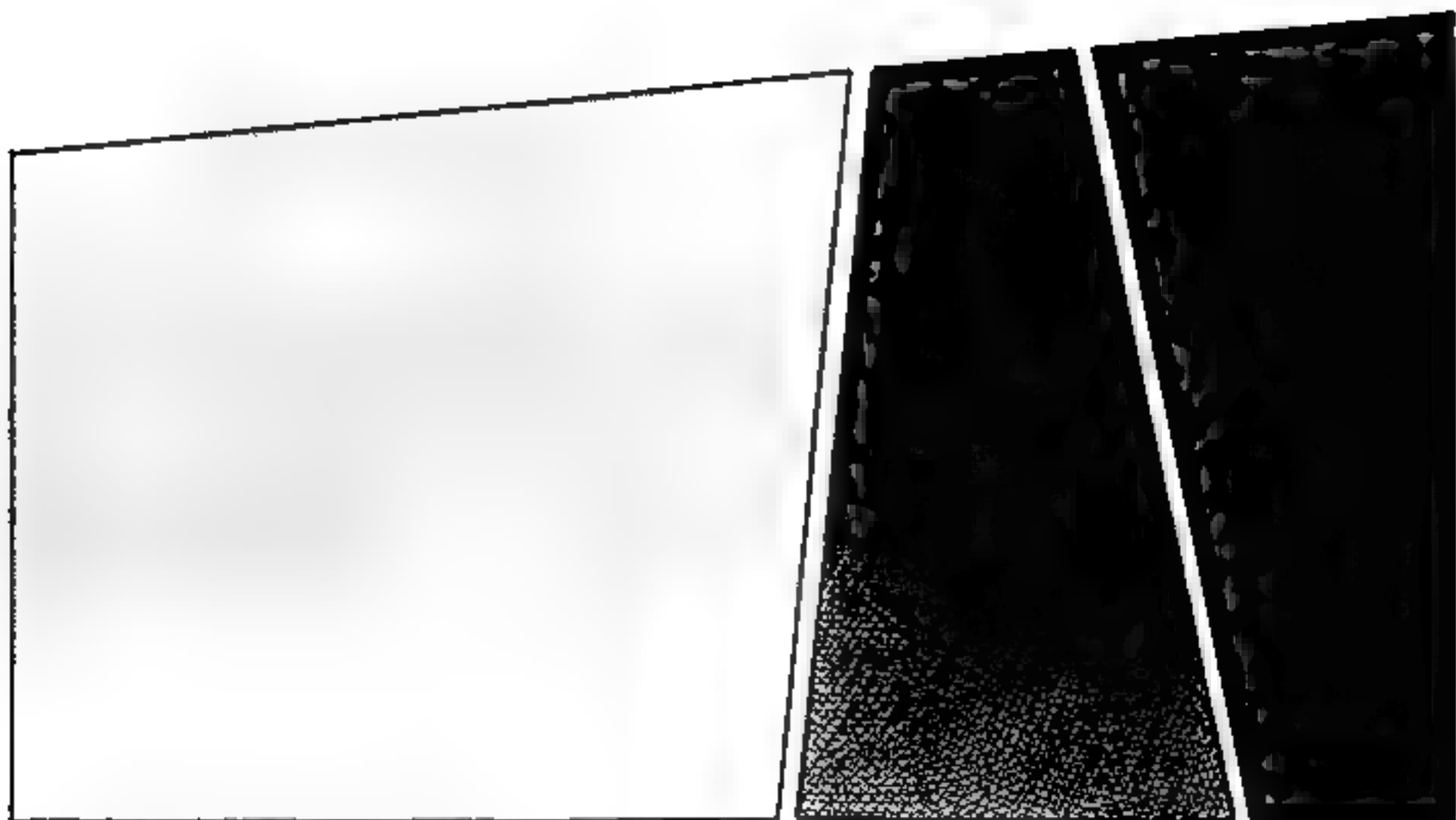
B-BUT
HE WAS
REALLY
BIG!



THERE'RE
PEOPLE
LIKE
OSAMU'S
FRIEND
CHIAKI...

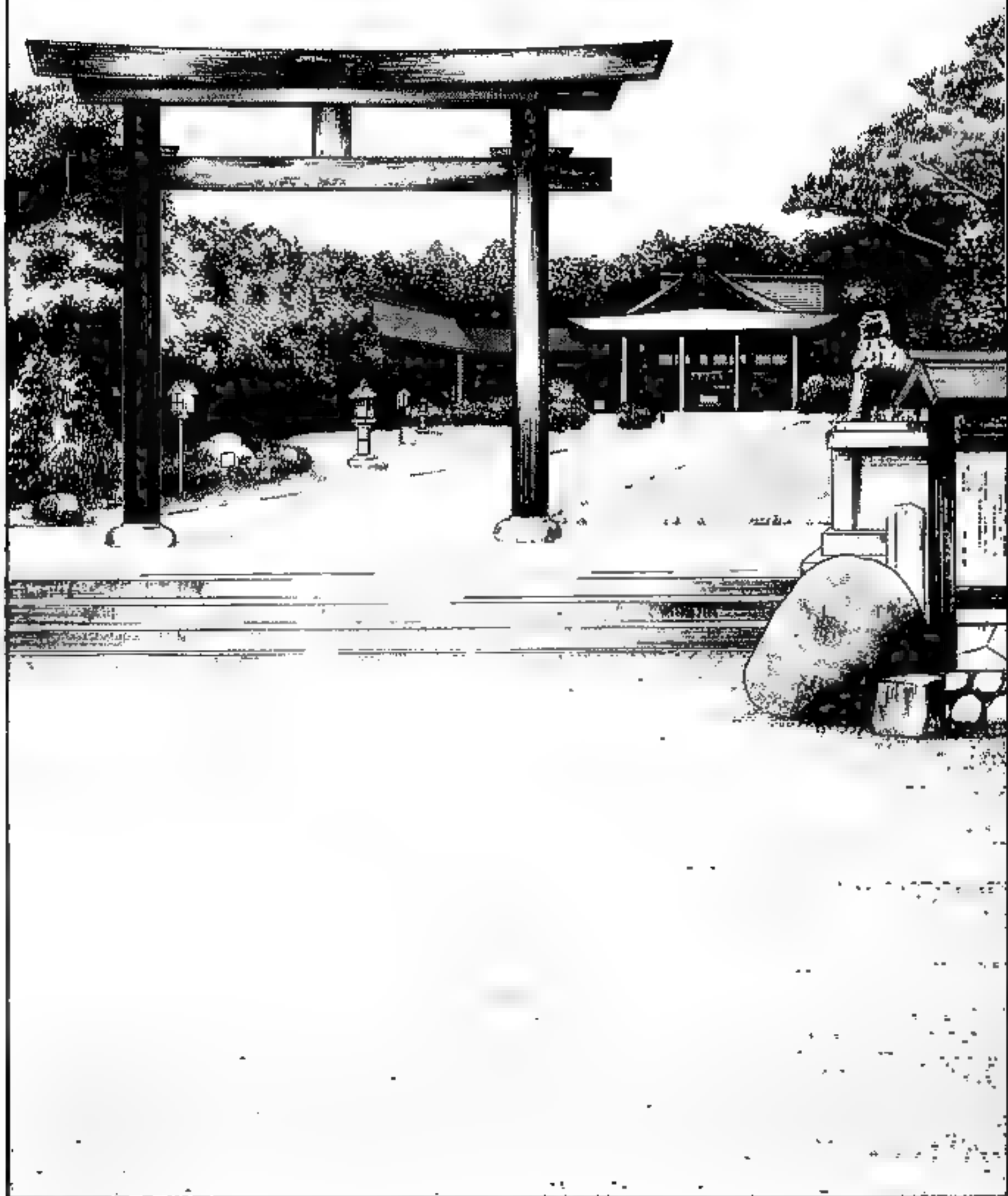
WELL, JUST
BECAUSE
HE'S BIG
DOESN'T
MEAN HE'S
STRONG.



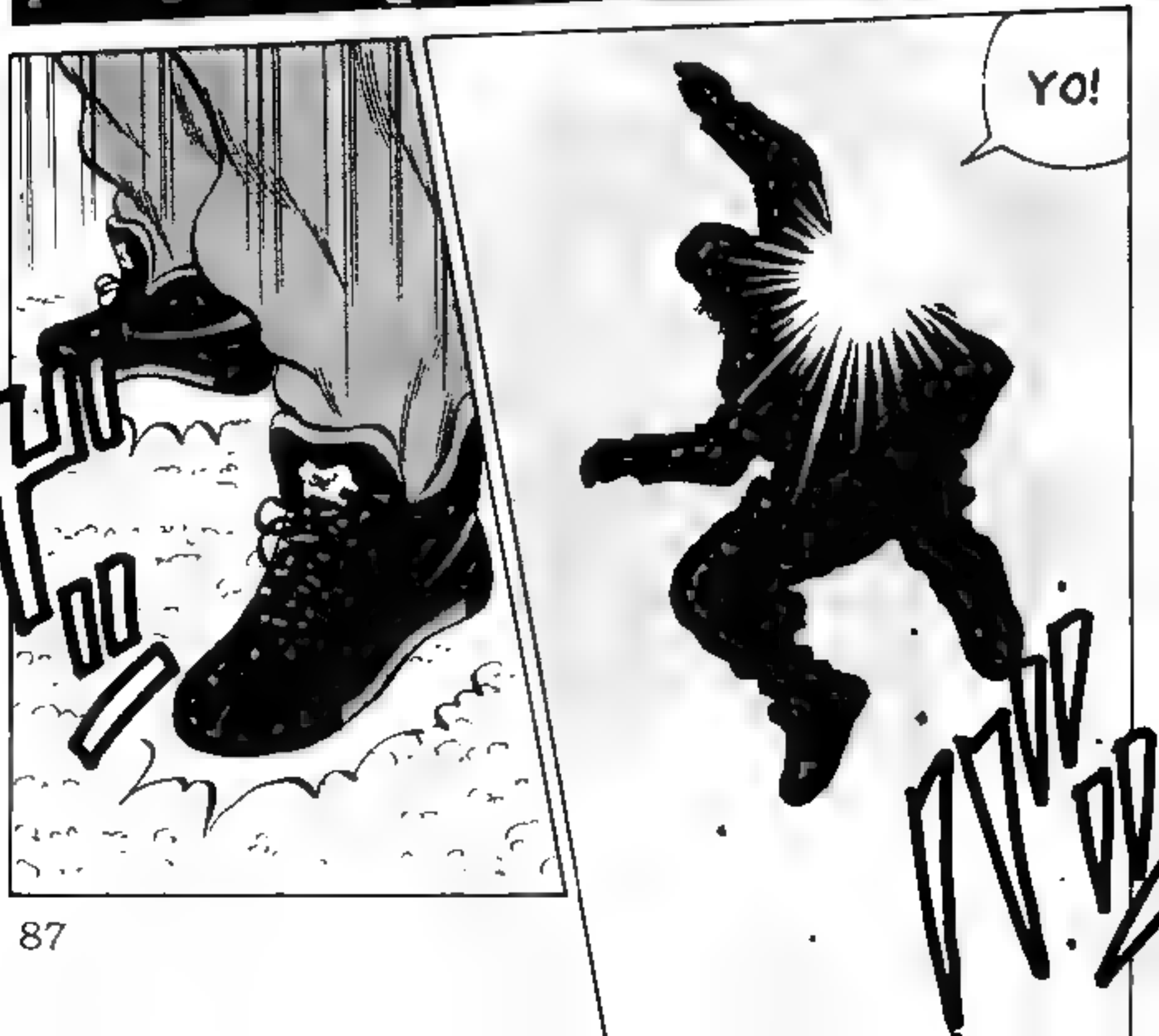


**And so the day
finally came...**

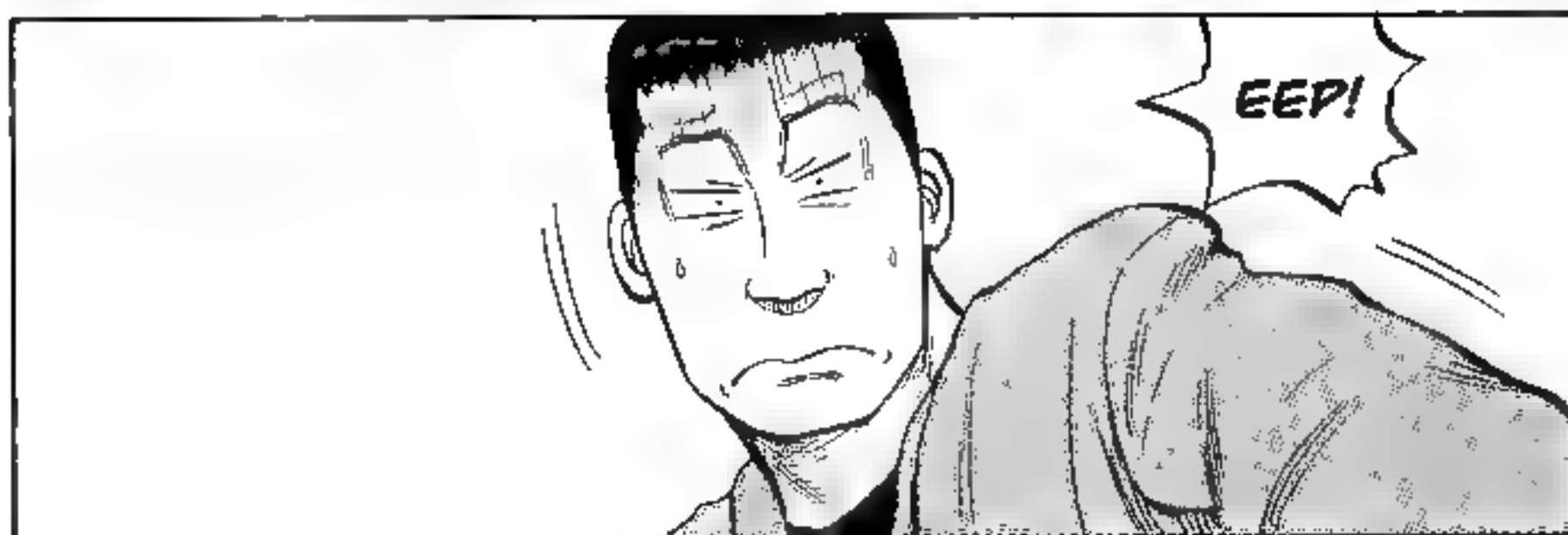
- Gokoku Temple -





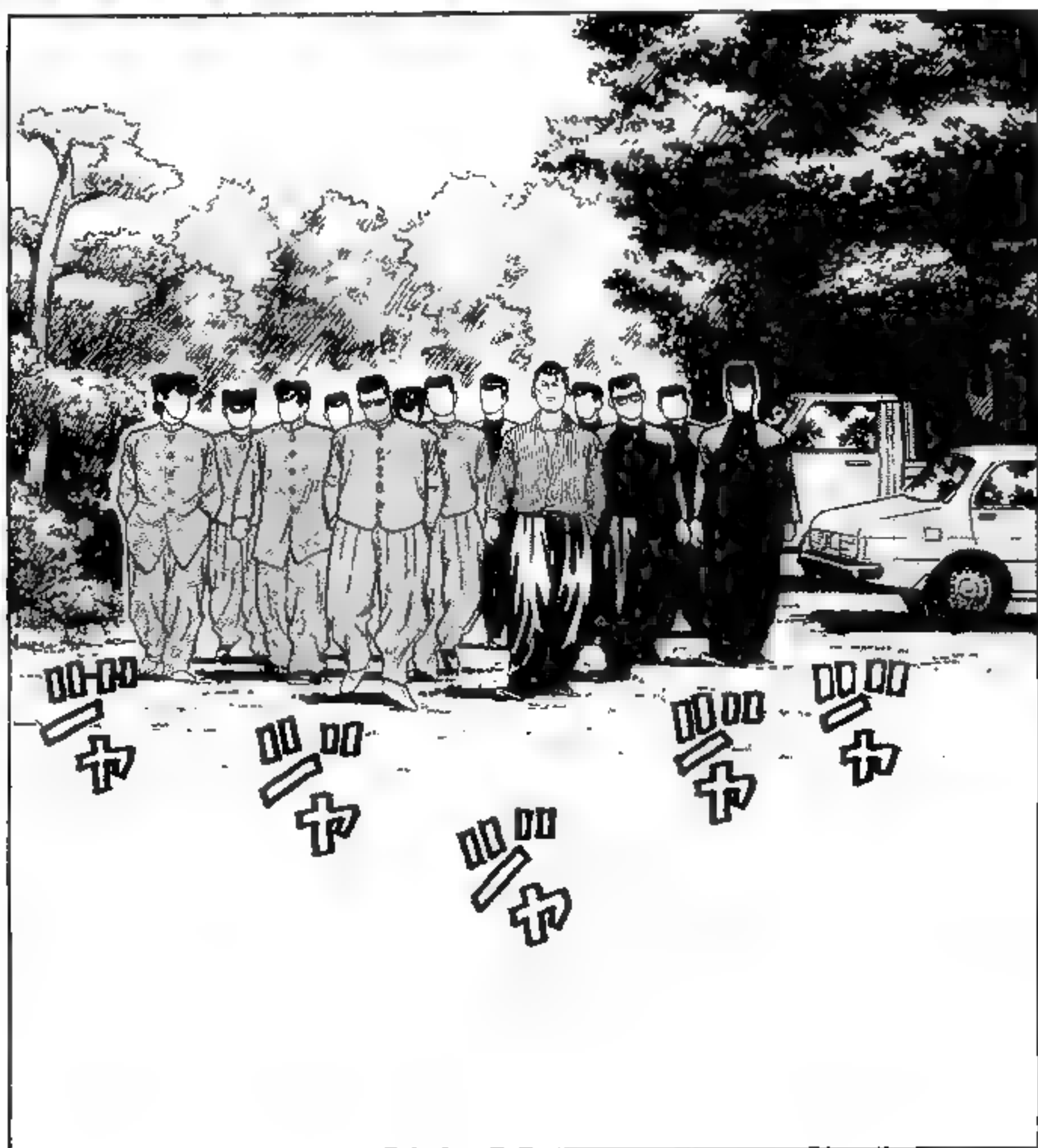






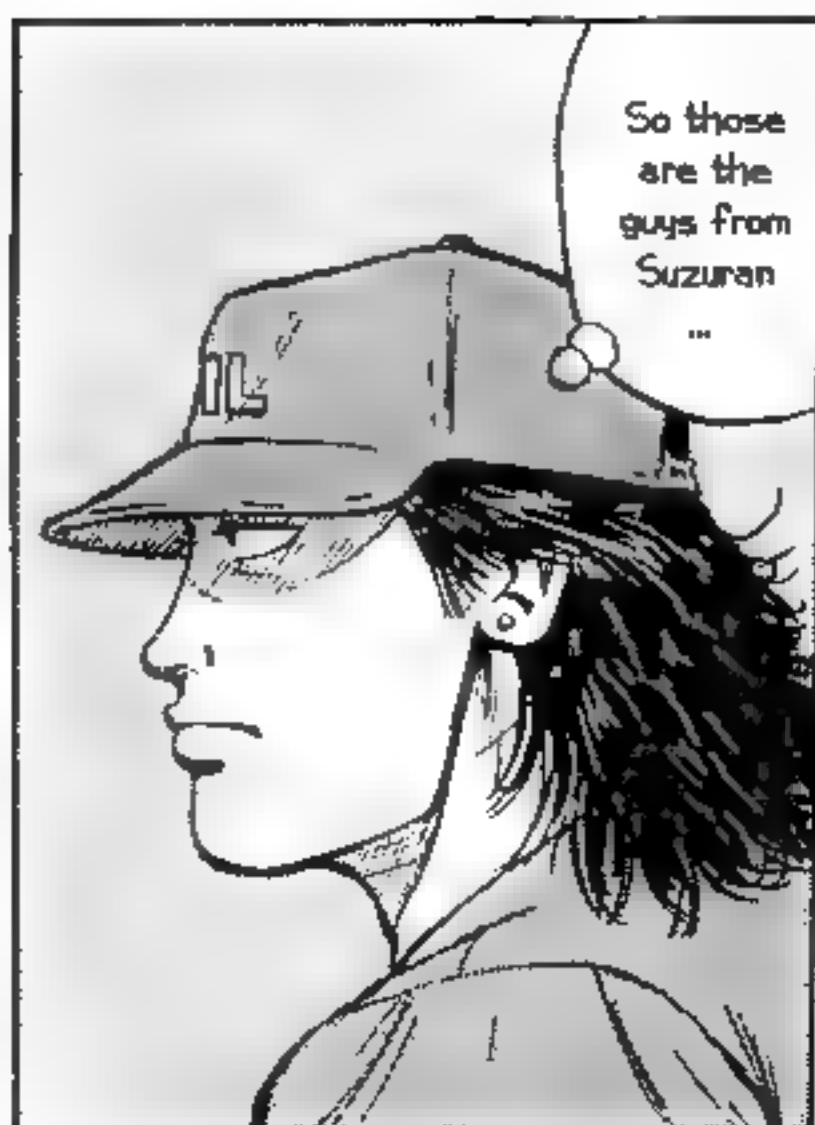
IT'S THE
GUYS
FROM
TSUKA-
MOTO AND
NANA-
MORI!

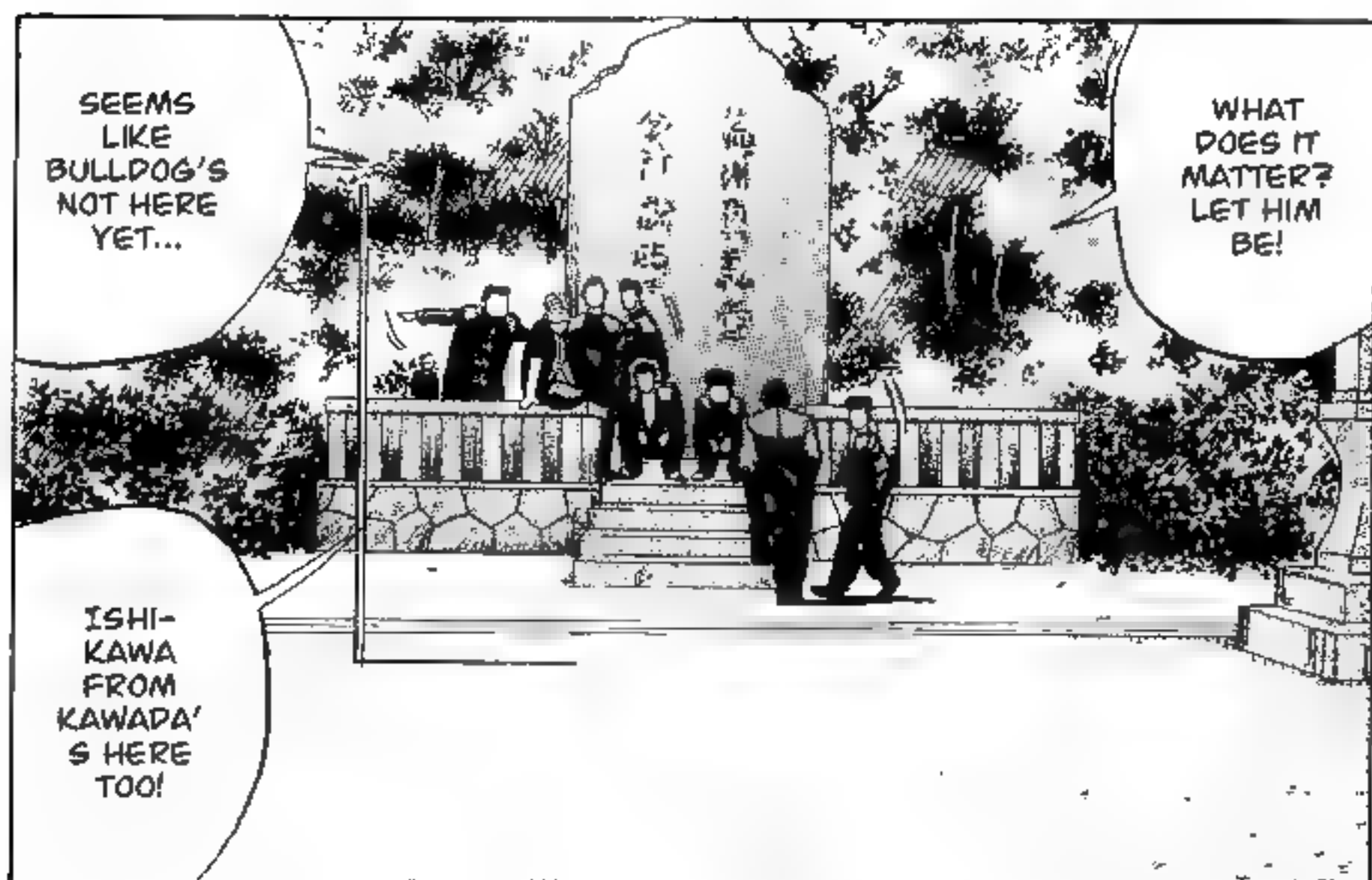
THEY'RE
HERE!

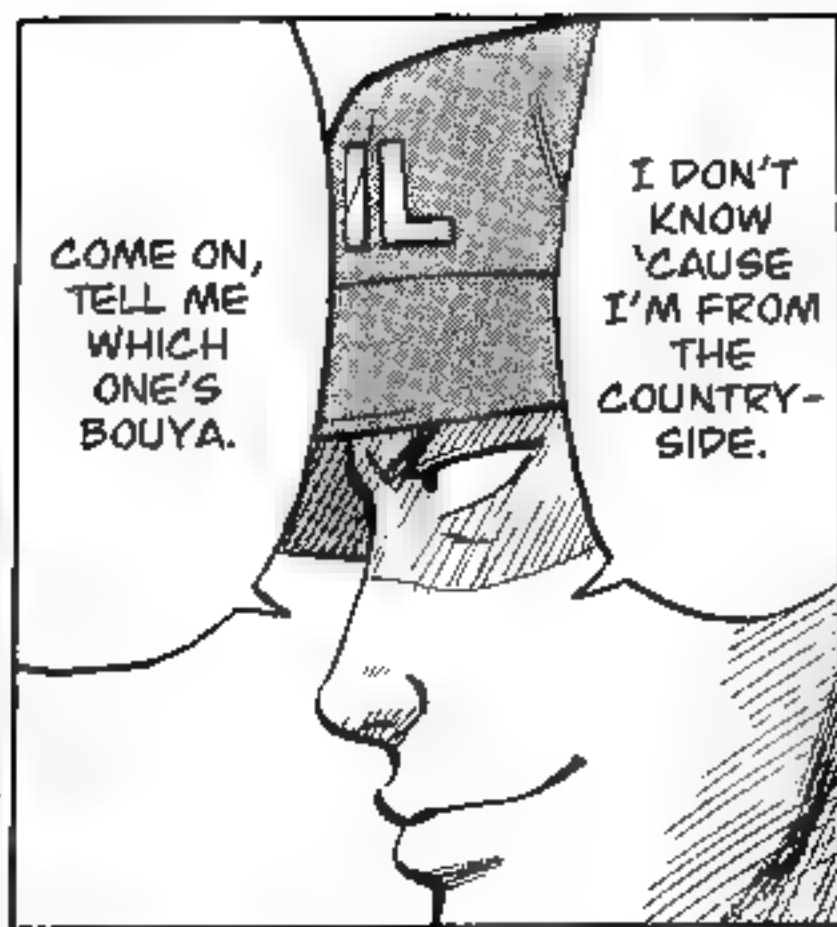


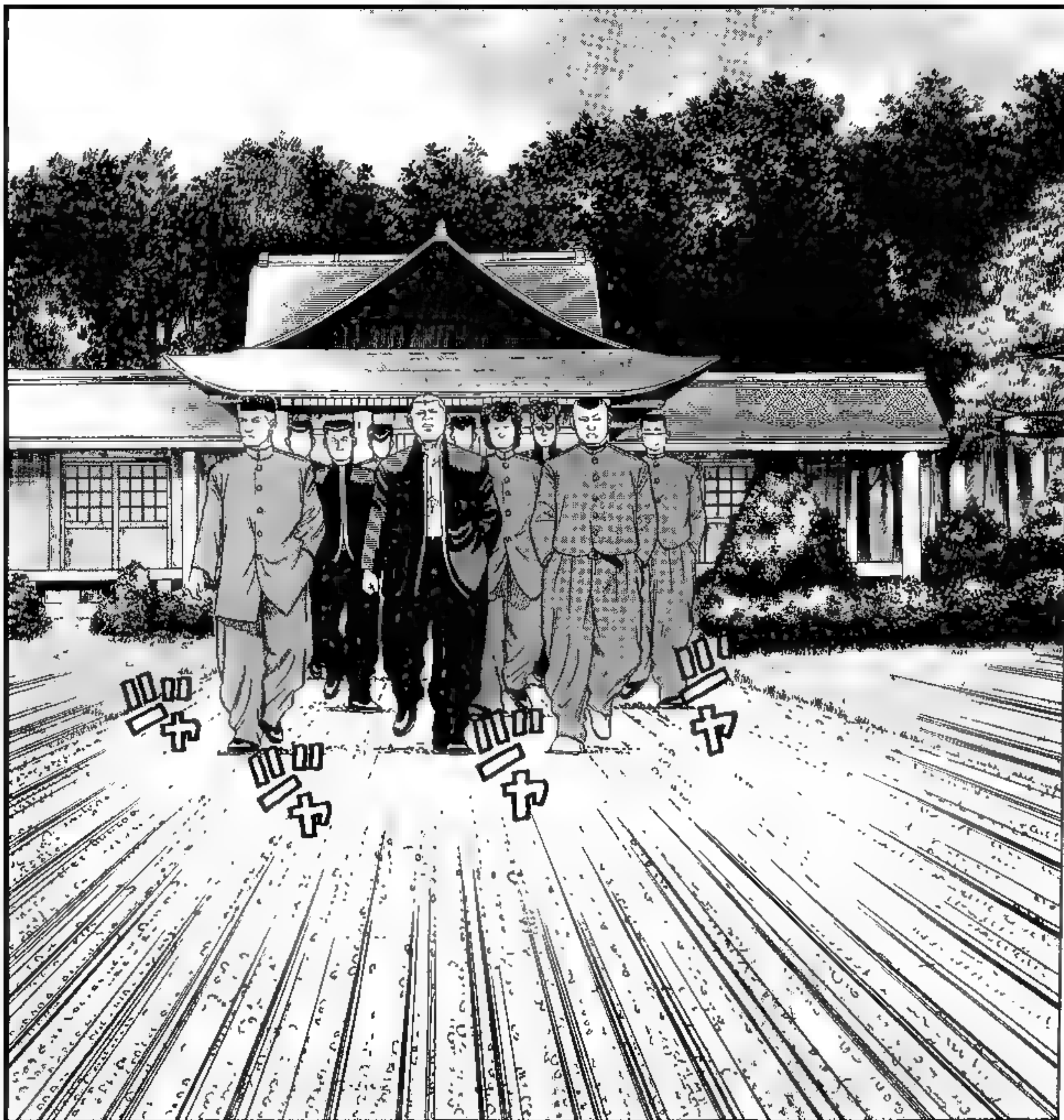










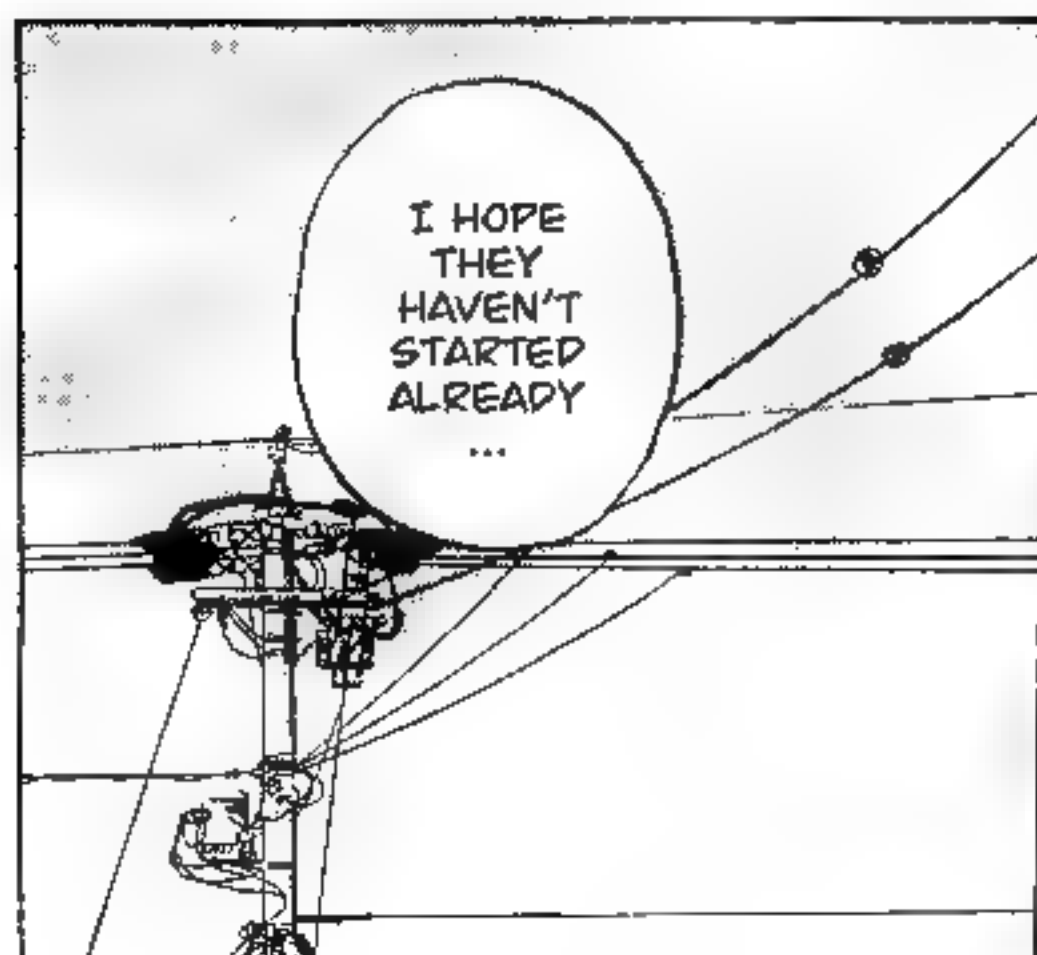
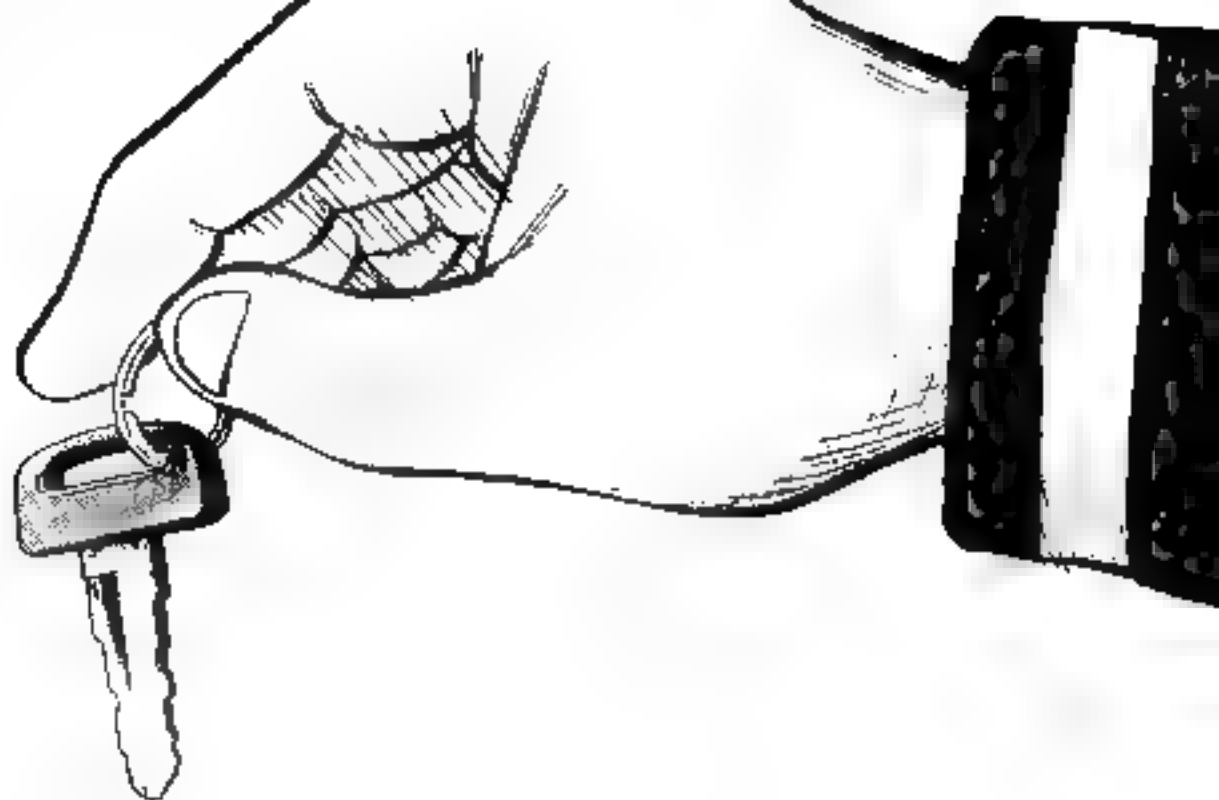






**SORRY
WE'RE
LATE.**







MAYBE I
SHOULD
JUST GO
HOME.

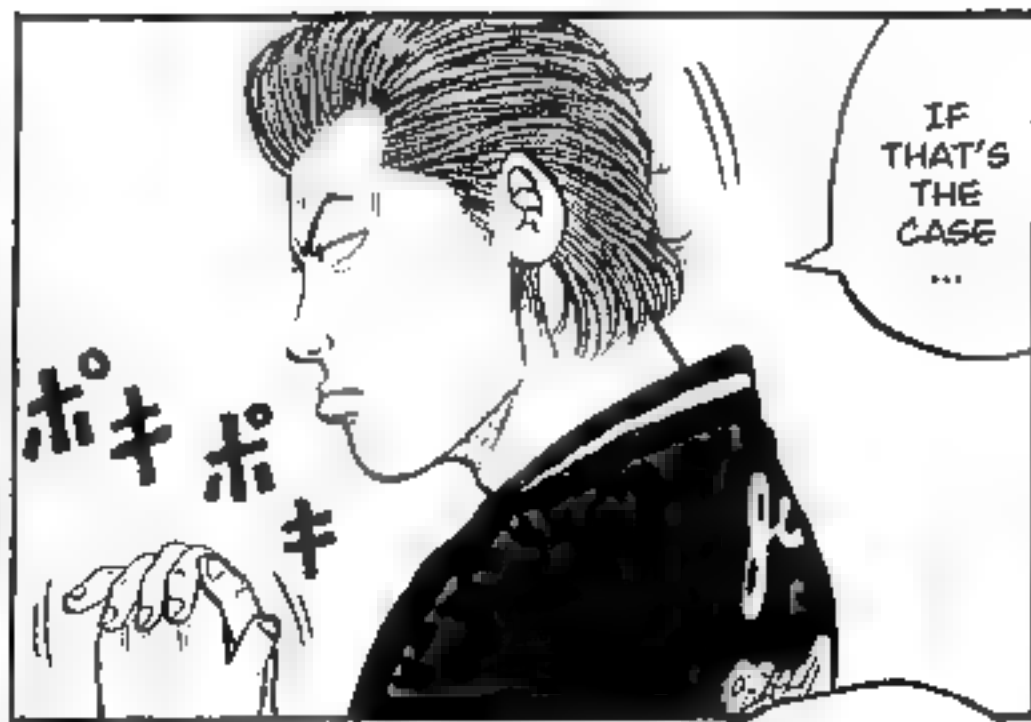


I
DON'T
WANT
TO
WALK
...











FU



SHUT
UP AND
MOVE
OUT OF
THE
WAY!

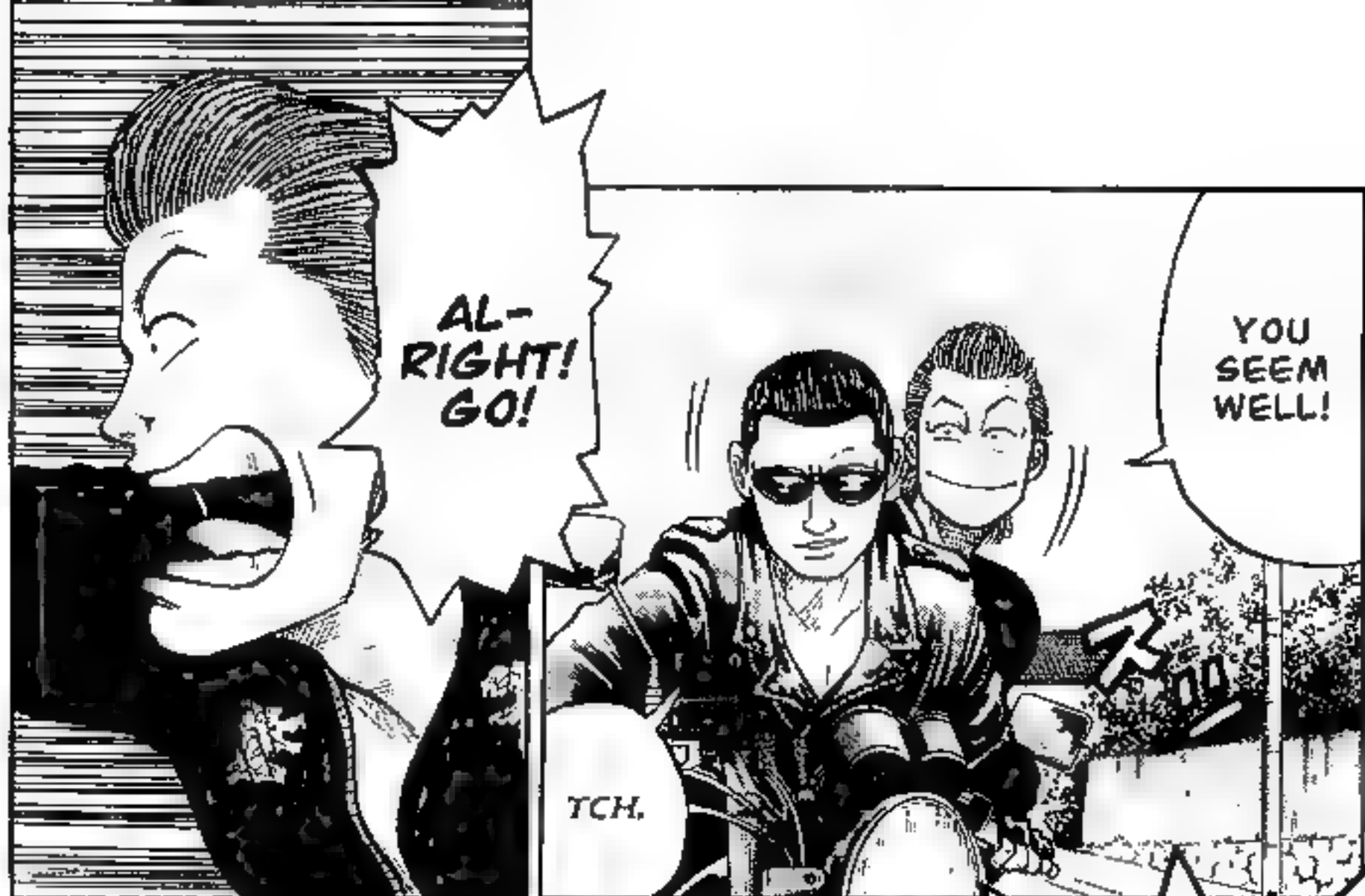
AW
COME
ON!
DON'T
BE
LIKE
THAT

...



RYUU
SHIN-
SAN!

ALRIGHT,
GET ON!





**AND
JOINS
THE
WINNER
WITHOUT
QUES-
TION!
ALRIGHT
?!**

**THE
LOSING
SIDE
BREAKS
UP
THEIR
ALLI-
ANCE
HERE
AND
NOW!**



**B-
BULL
DOG!**

**ALRIGHT,
LET'S DO
THAT!**

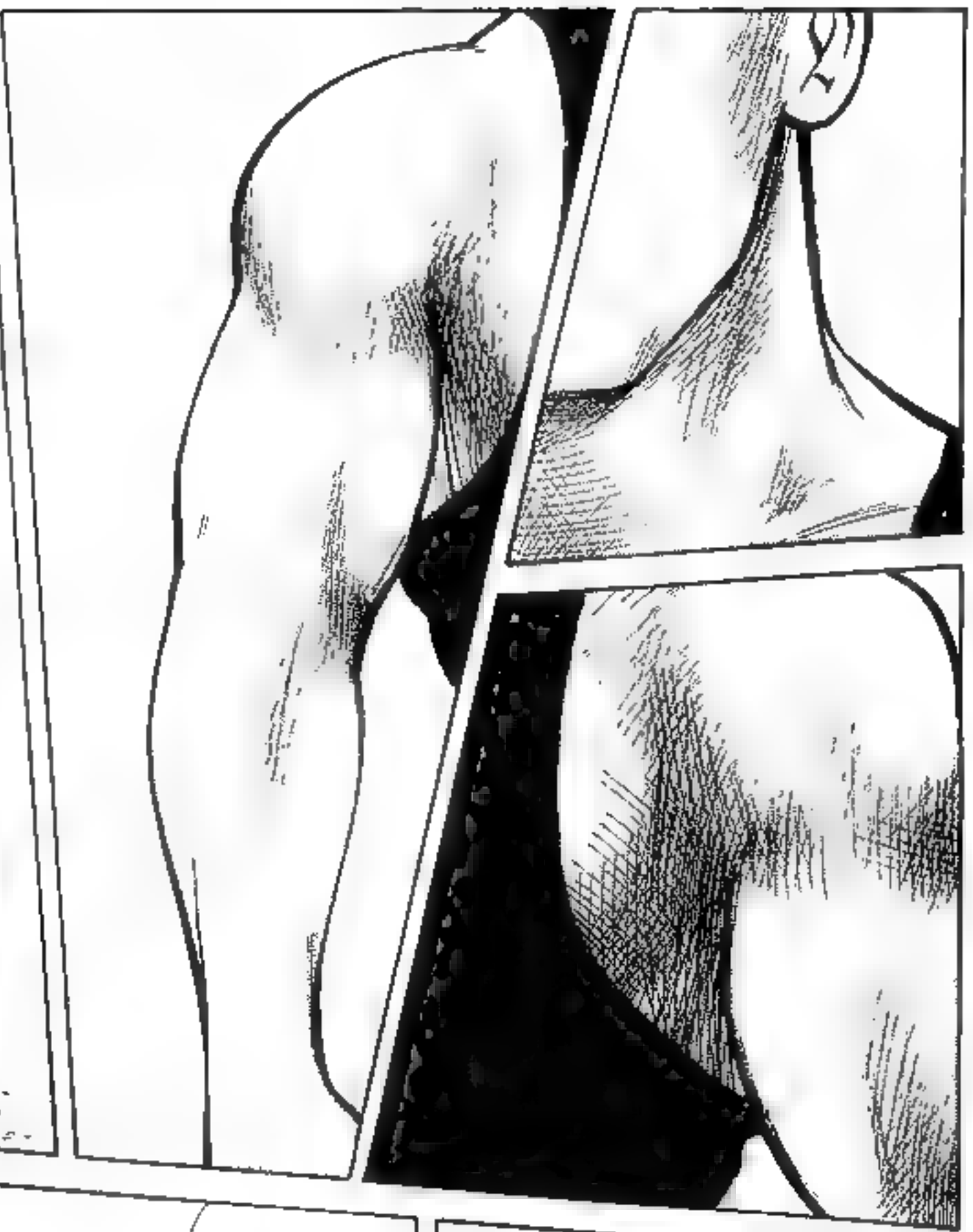


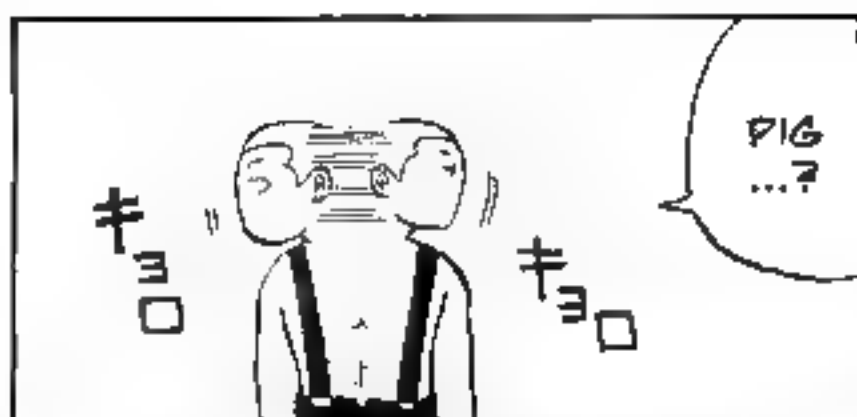
**DON'T
UNDER-
ESTIMATE
US...**

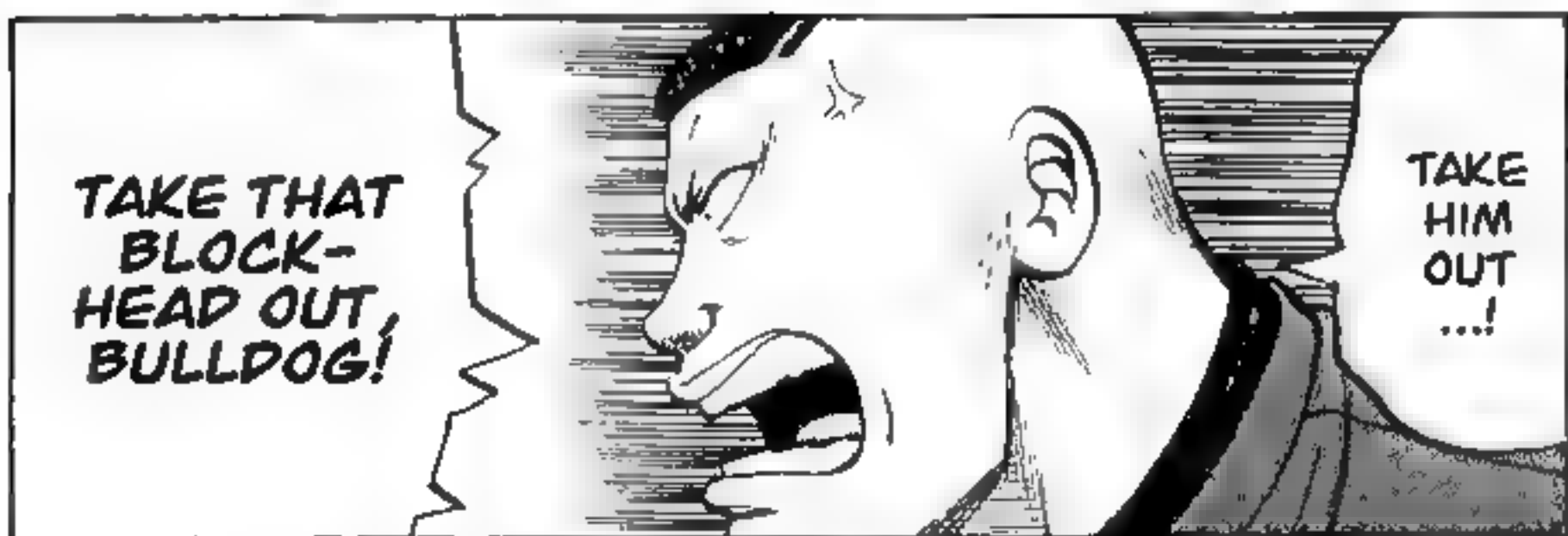
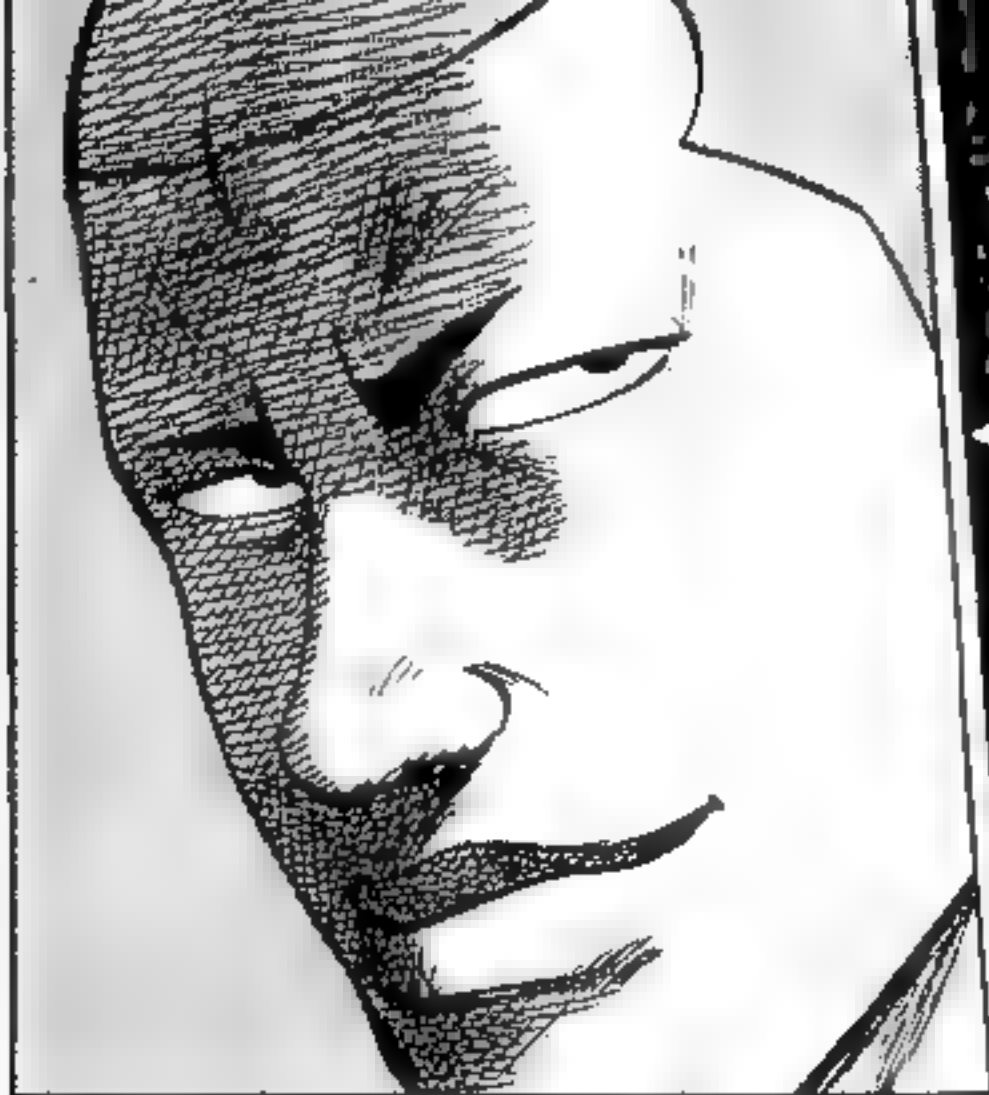
**YOU
ASS-
HOLE.**

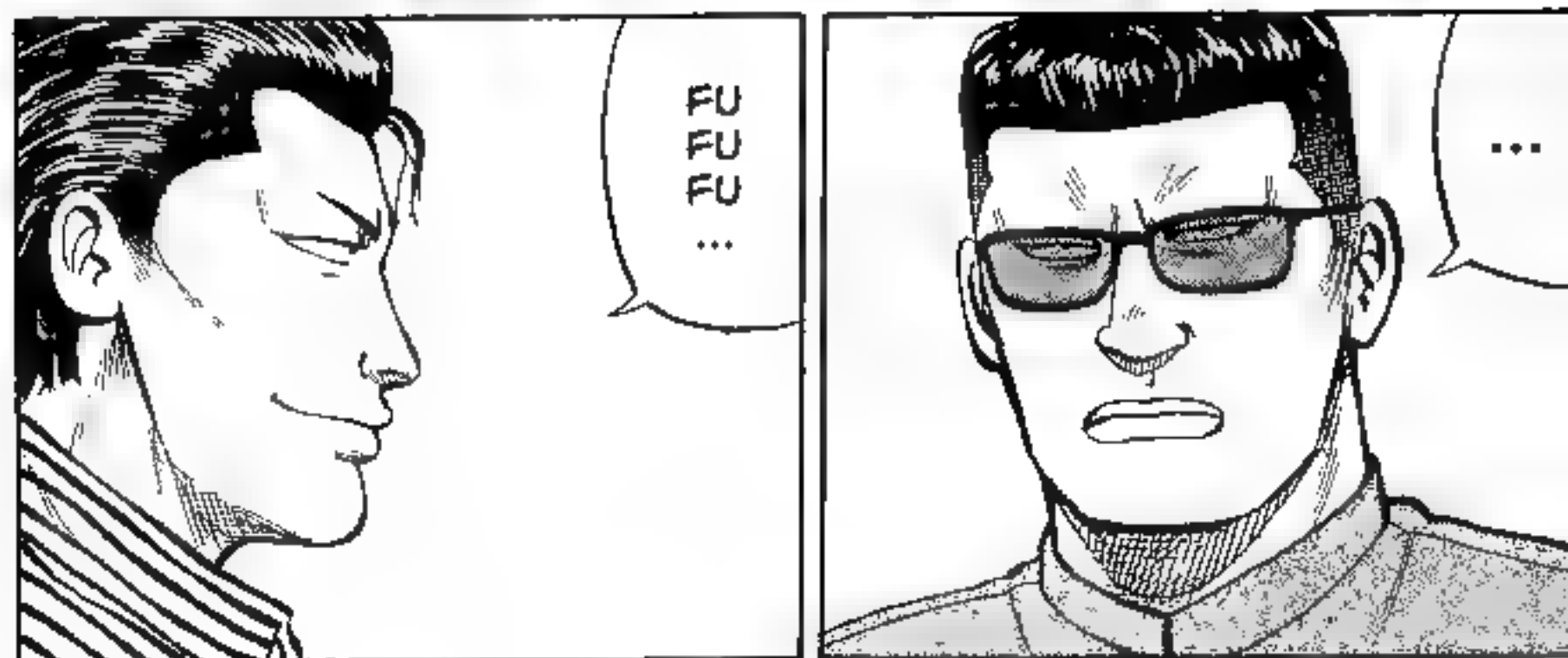
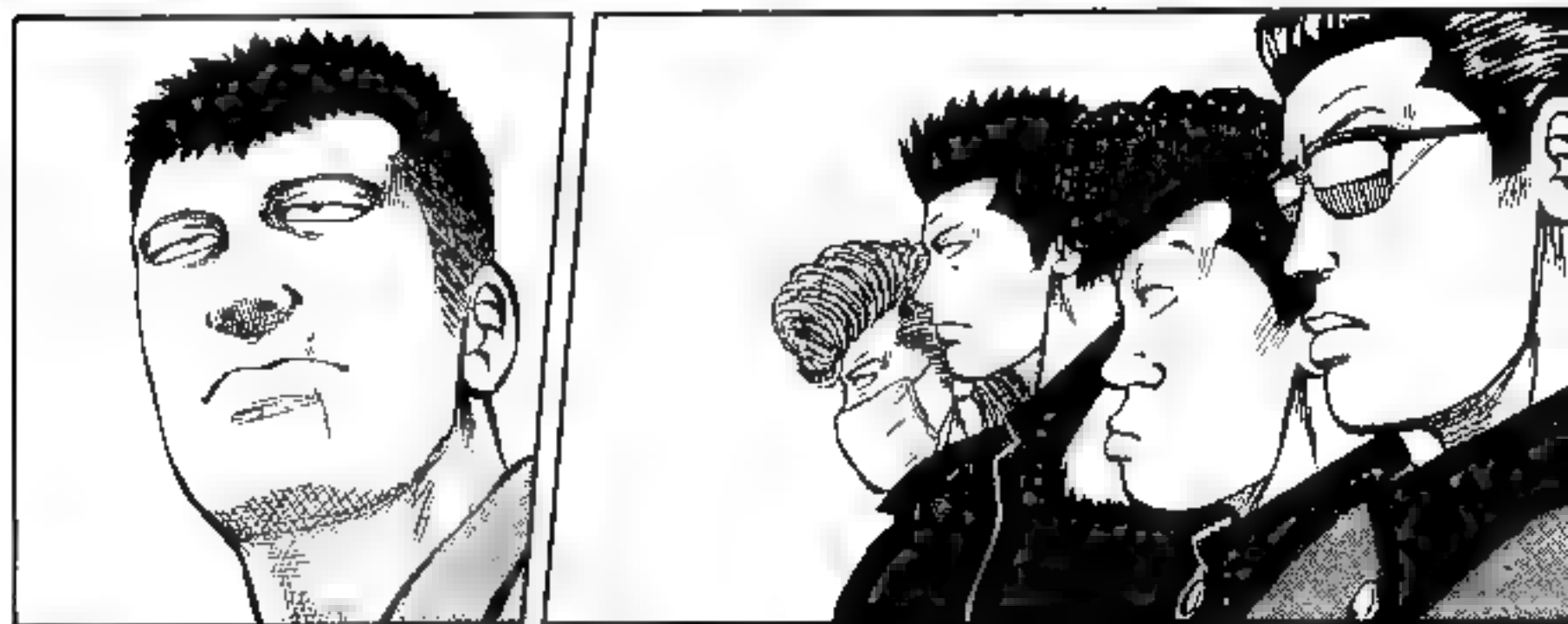
















IF I WERE TO SPEAK MY MIND...

PART26

My career as a manga assistant had started. And I'm about to talk about that. But I don't know where to begin. What kind of work I did, and how I came to hone my craft, that doesn't sound like much fun.. Because drawing is something anyone can do if they set their mind to it.

It goes without saying that I picked up some technical expertise at Tanimura Productions, but more than that, there was something else, something more precious. Maybe it was the fact that you could do anything if you set your mind to it. Or maybe it was that becoming a mangaka was such a great and wonderful thing. It's hard for me to explain, but I feel like those are the things that I learned. Everyone had the same dream as I did, to become a mangaka.

Chief Assistant KOBAYASHI, HORIE, KONDOU, and our last addition SHIGERU did as well. I worked and talked with colleagues who shared the same dream as I did. We hung out together and went places, and that went a long way's in helping me grow. It seemed that Tanimura-sensei had gathered good and honest people, regardless of their artistic skill.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank him for choosing me as one of those people.

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IF I WERE TO SPEAK MY MIND...

PART27

Everyone was great there. Horie and I were the same age, and we liked the same music, movies, and hobbies. We would normally have a beer and talk about stuff after work.

First off, we'll submit our work to contests! And when we win, we'll take home the prize of 1,000,000 yen! Our comics will then get picked up for publication. But no weekly publications. Why? That's easy. Because there'd be no time to relax! So instead we'll go for biweekly publication in a monthly. The comic'll be a huge hit! Then it's the good life! Signing autographs, buy a Benz! Hit it big with one good book and then relax for the rest of your life! Etc etc. We would always get plastered and talk about that type of thing. You might think of us as idiots but it was so much fun. Our hopes and dreams were growing!

If I had been alone then, I would have probably been negative all the time and quit along the way.

A year passed by. Hayashika-san had already left the offices to start his own publication, and Kobayashi-san, Horie, Kondou all had landed their own projects! And so we all decided that Horie would go first, and so we decided that we would submit his book to Young Magazine and aim for their Chiba Tetsuya prize!

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Harunichi Bouya: Translator/Proofer

nkkeats: cleaner

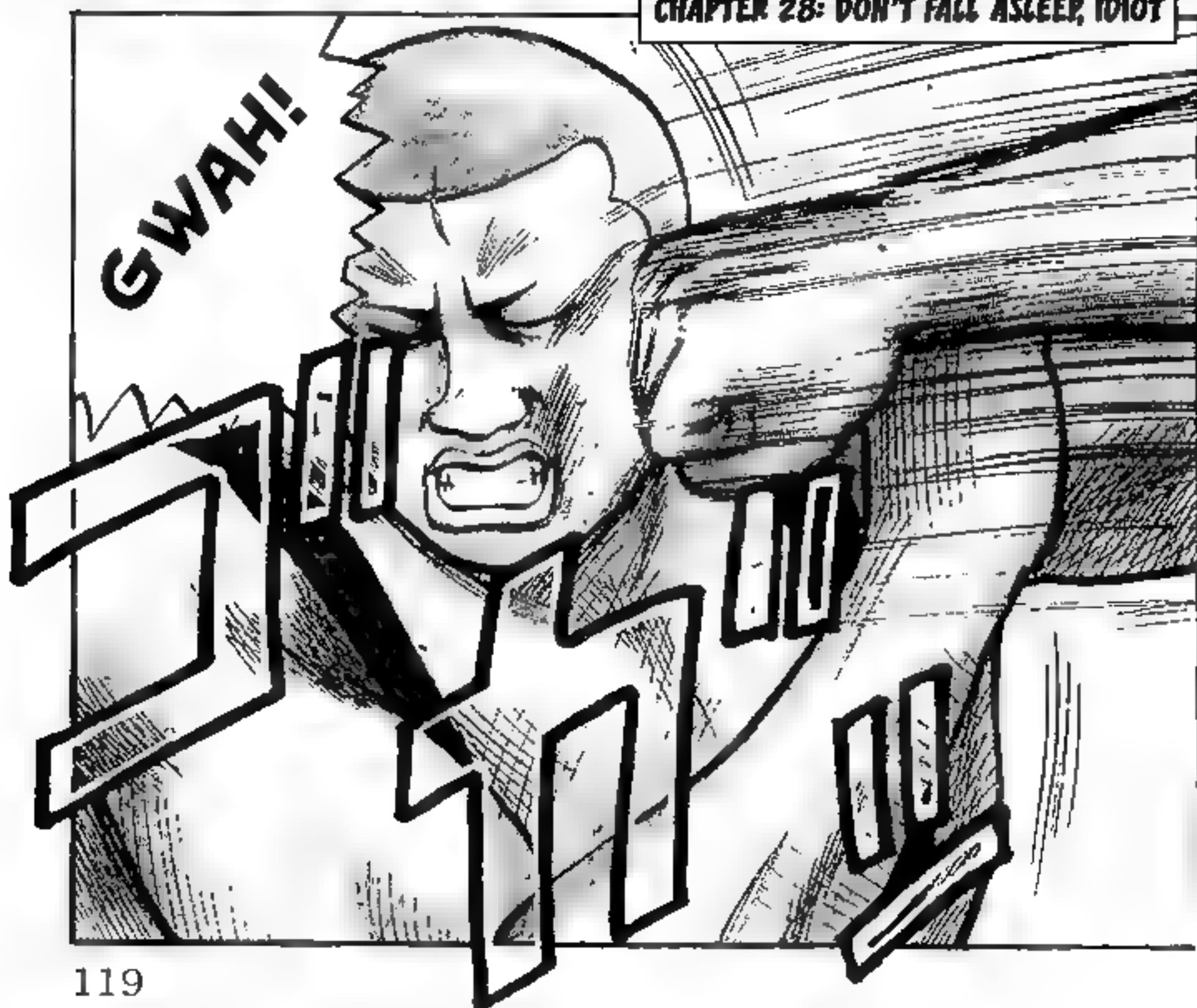
KSC: Typesetter

THAT IS CALIBRATING OUR RESPONSIBILITIES THAT CHASE
TRIPPING THE PO. STILL, I DON'T CARE LESS ABOUT
HOLDING OUR LIVES FROM THE OTHERS.
I JUST WANT THE TRY ONE

JUST STARTING OUR WELCOMING WORLD
THE ONE THAT STARTED IT ALL:
[HTTP://VOLUNTEER-MAGAZINEFORLIFE.ORG/](http://volunteer-magazineforlife.org/)

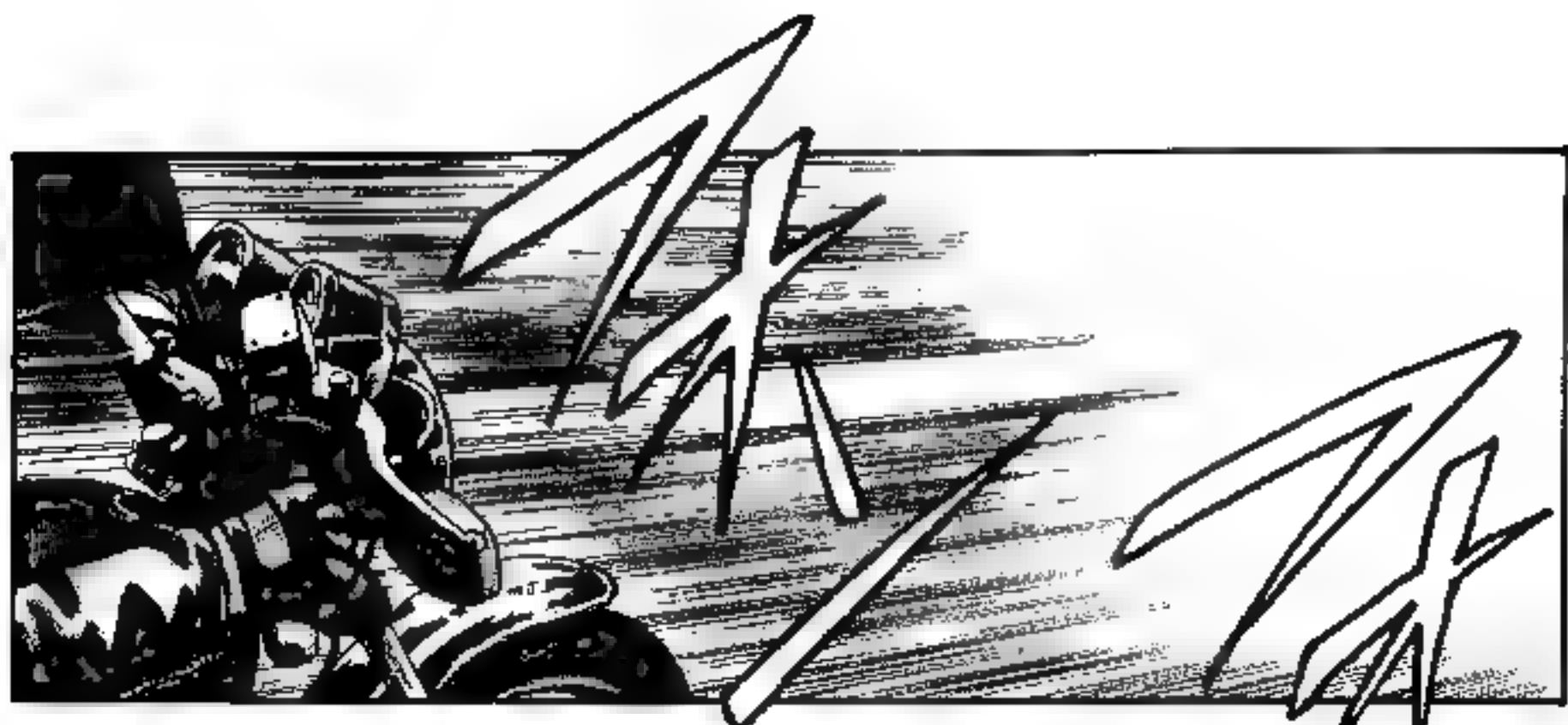


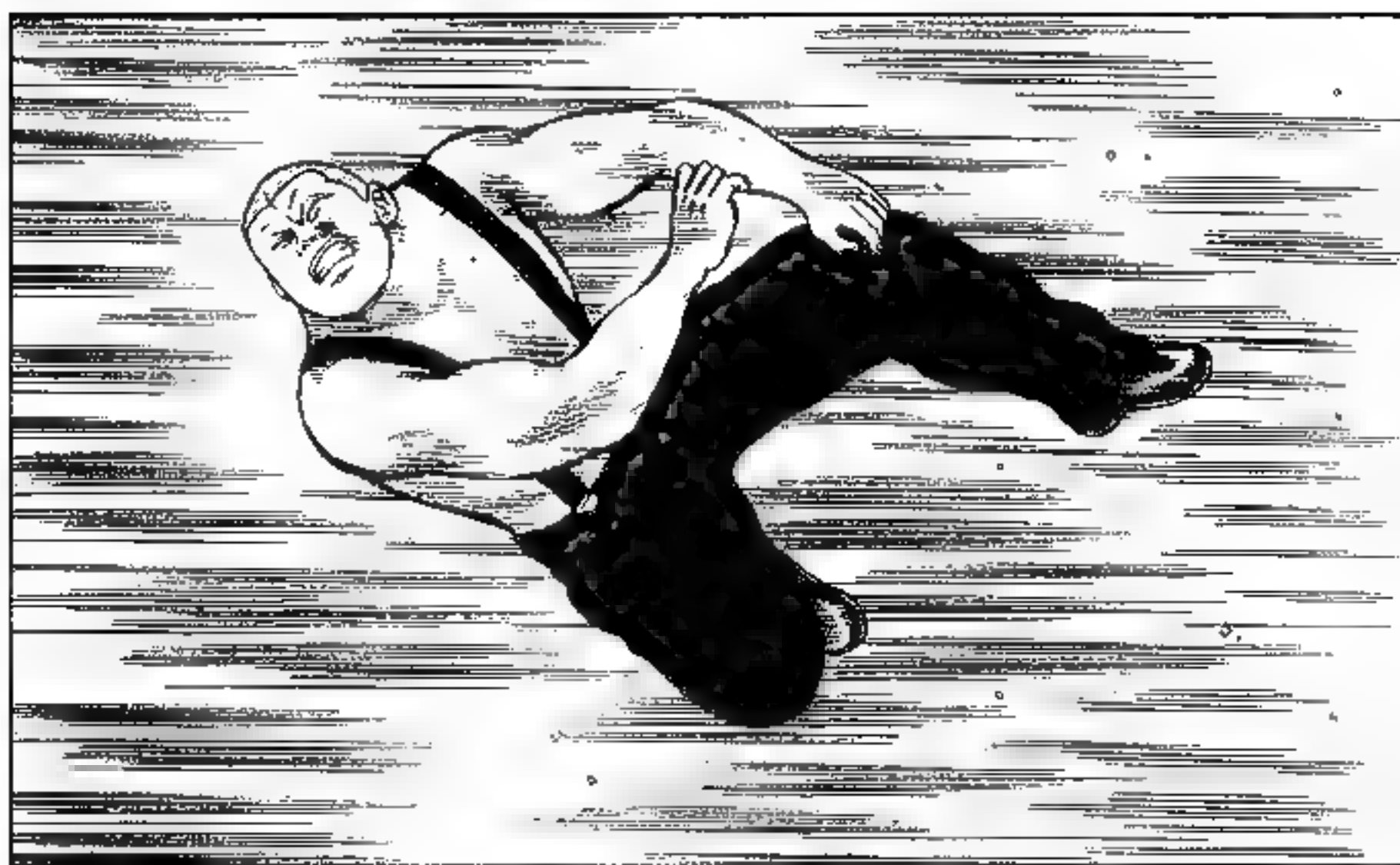
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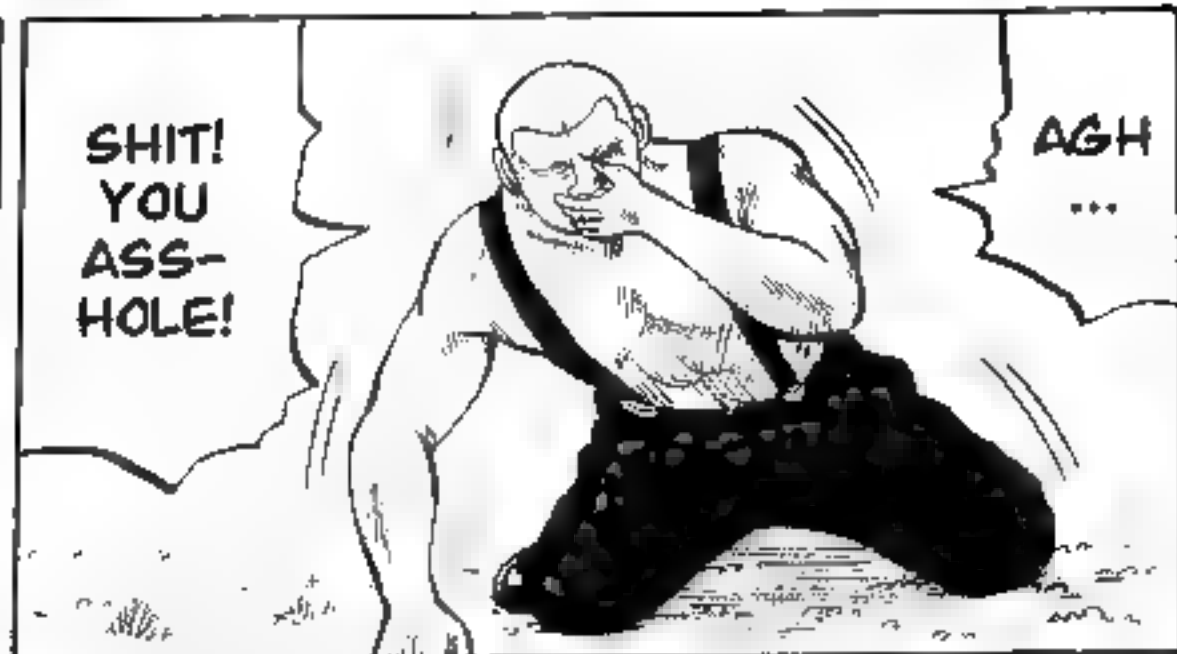
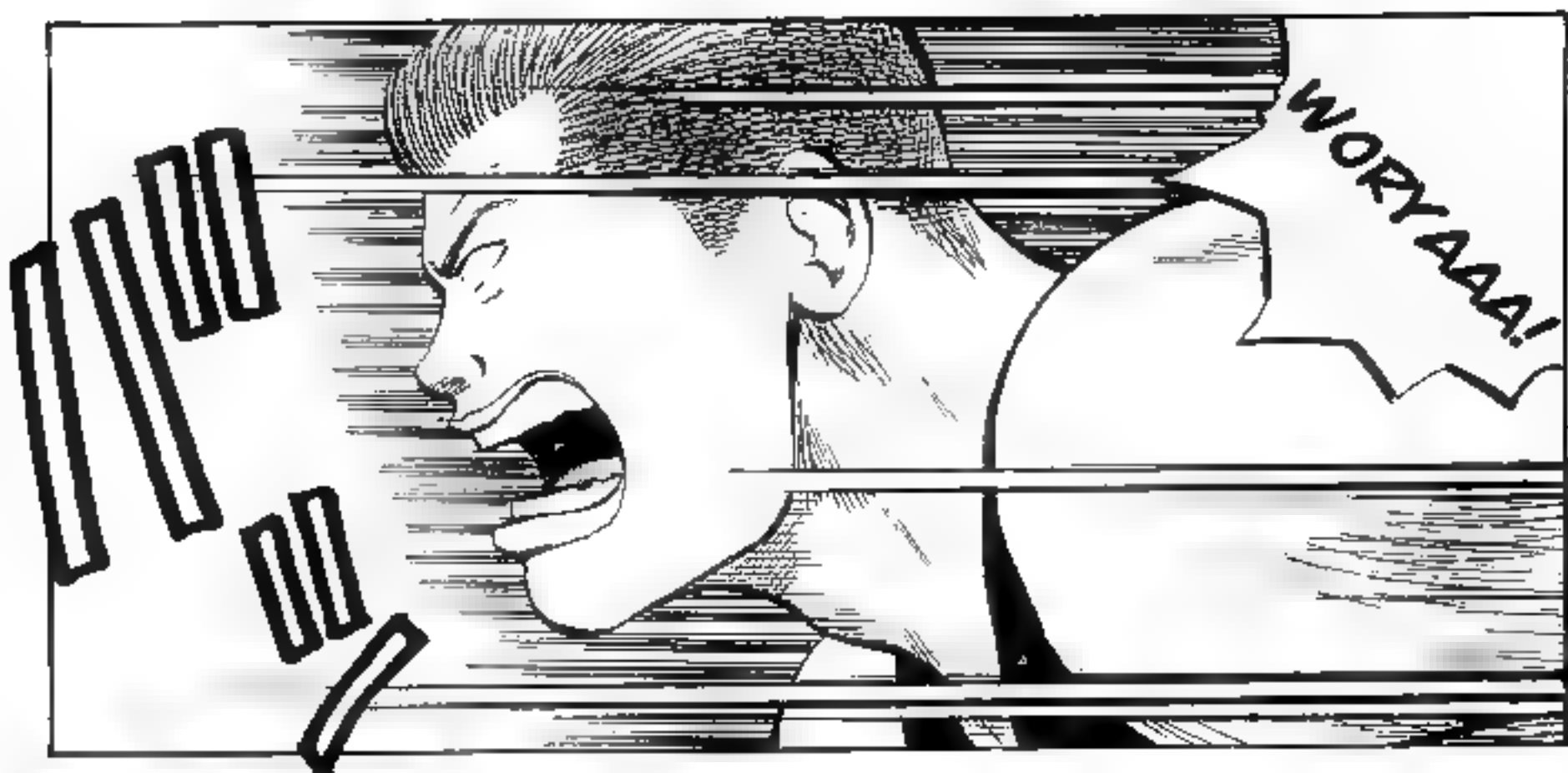




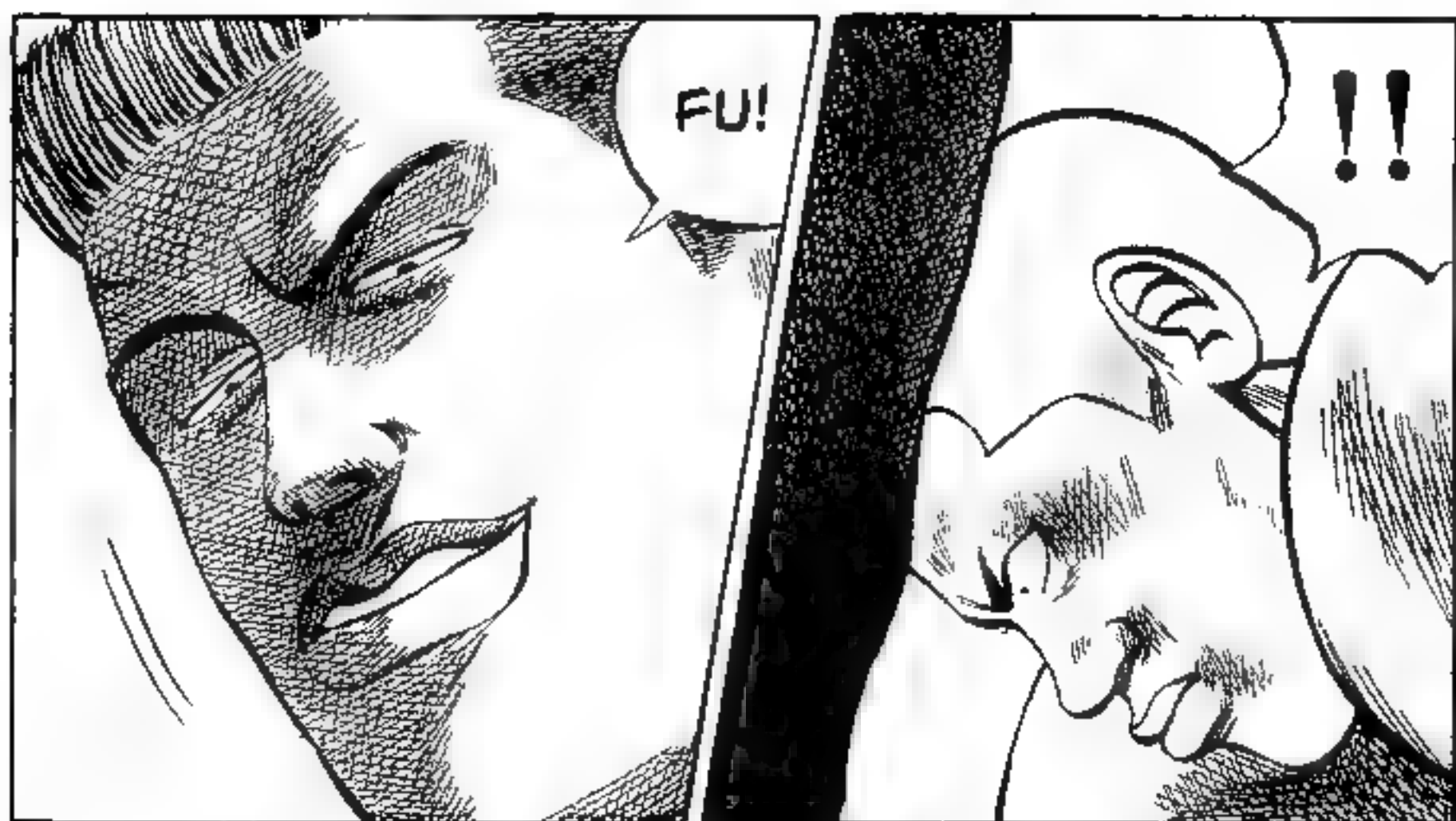
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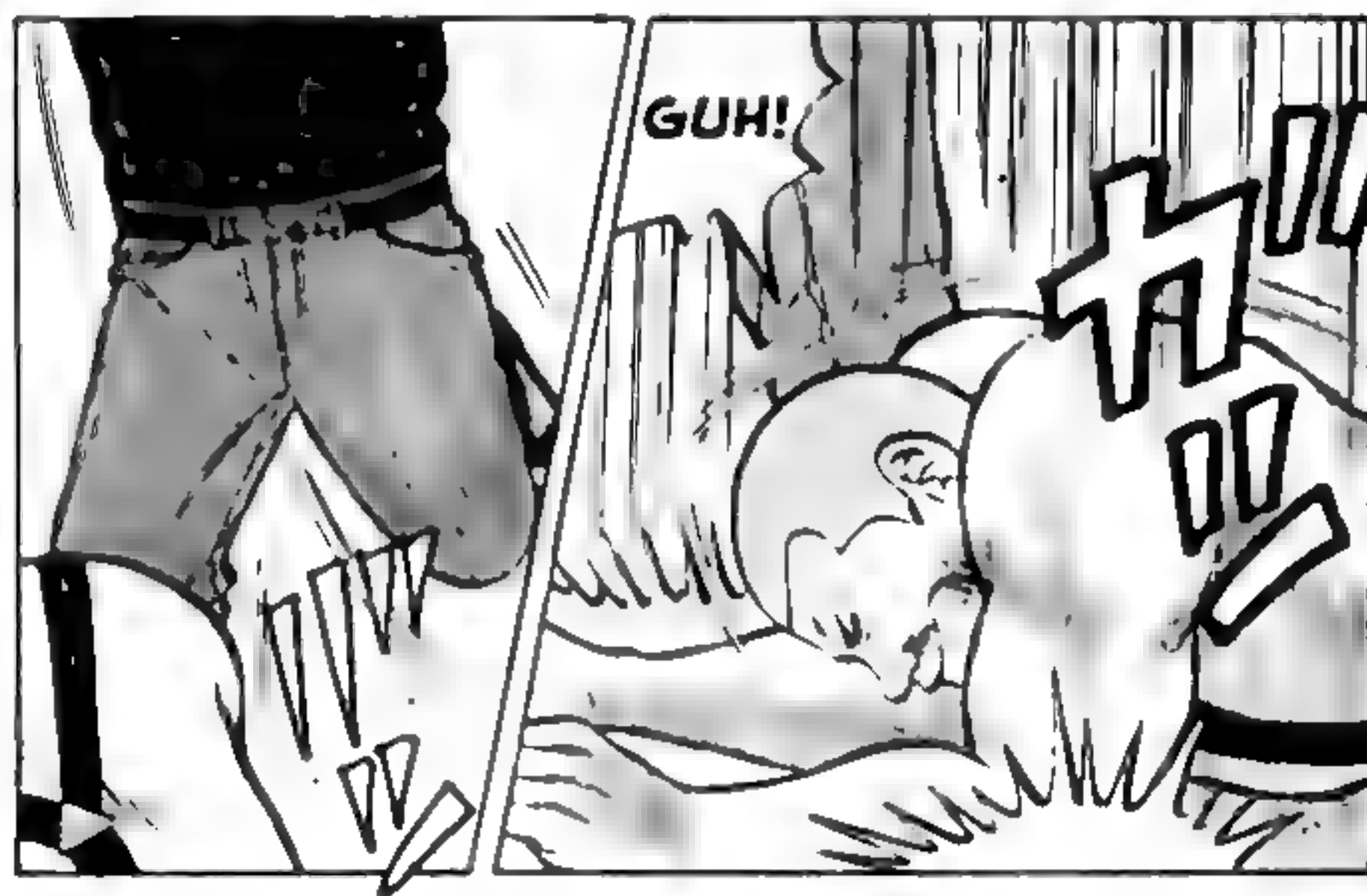


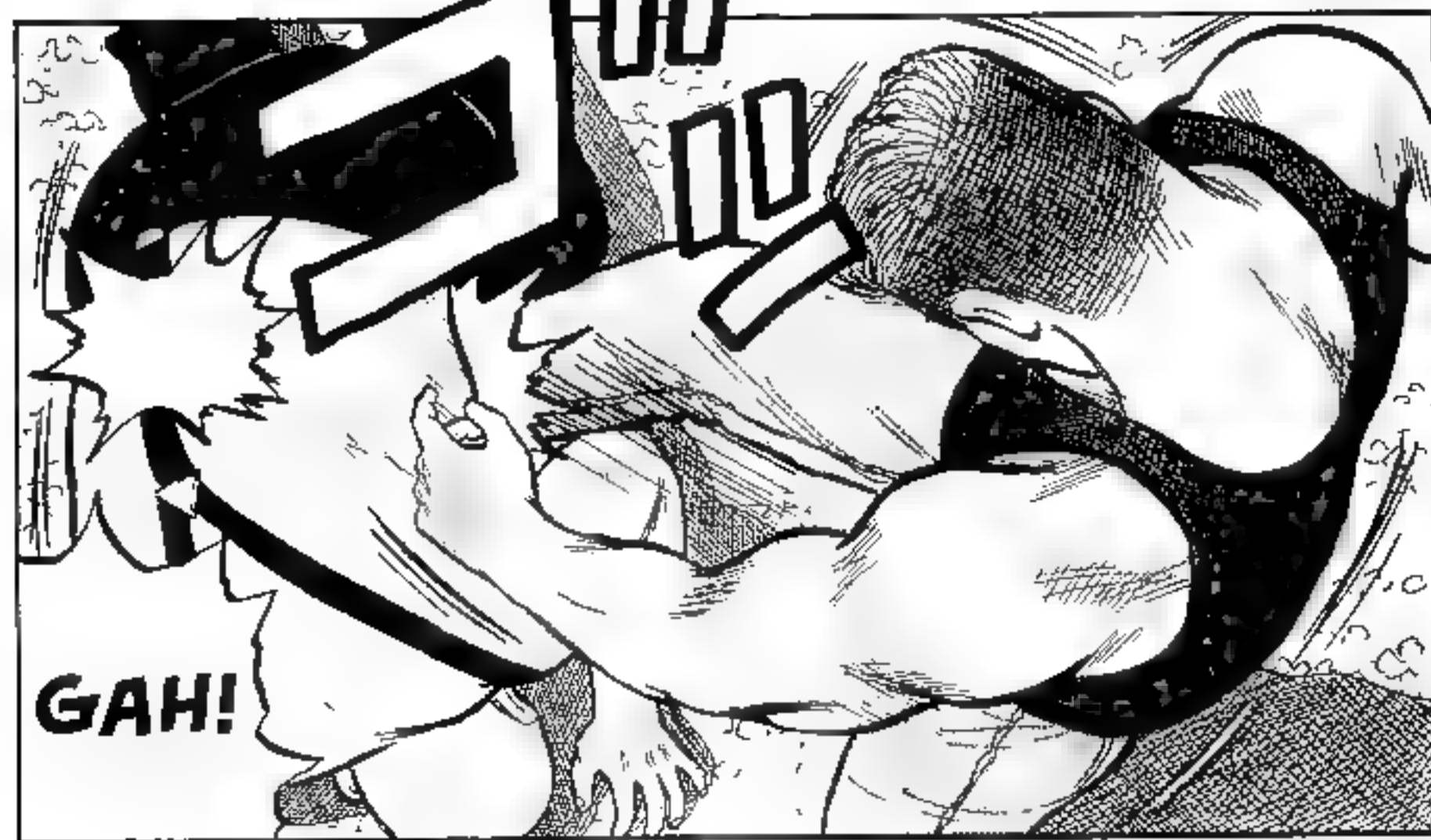


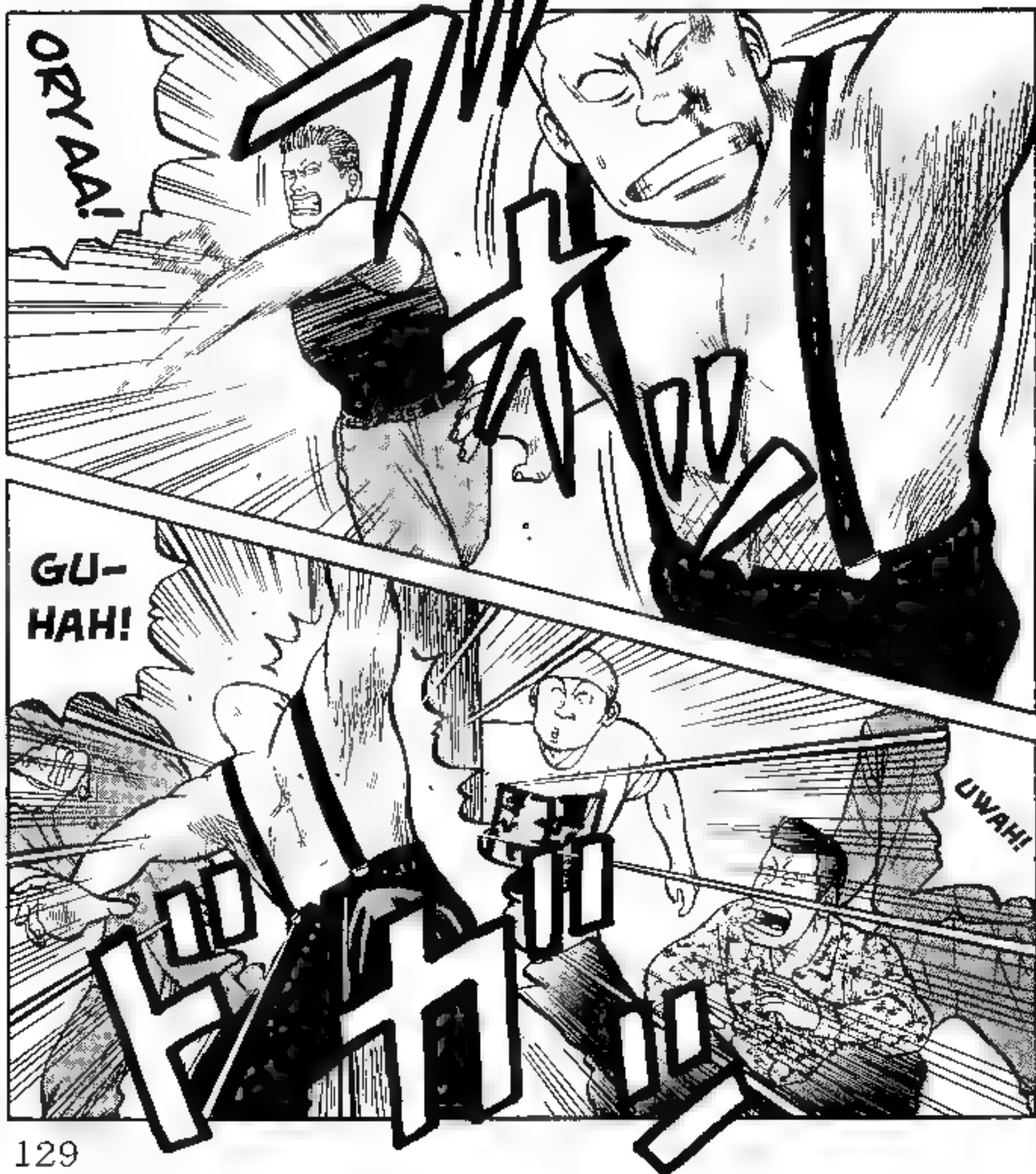








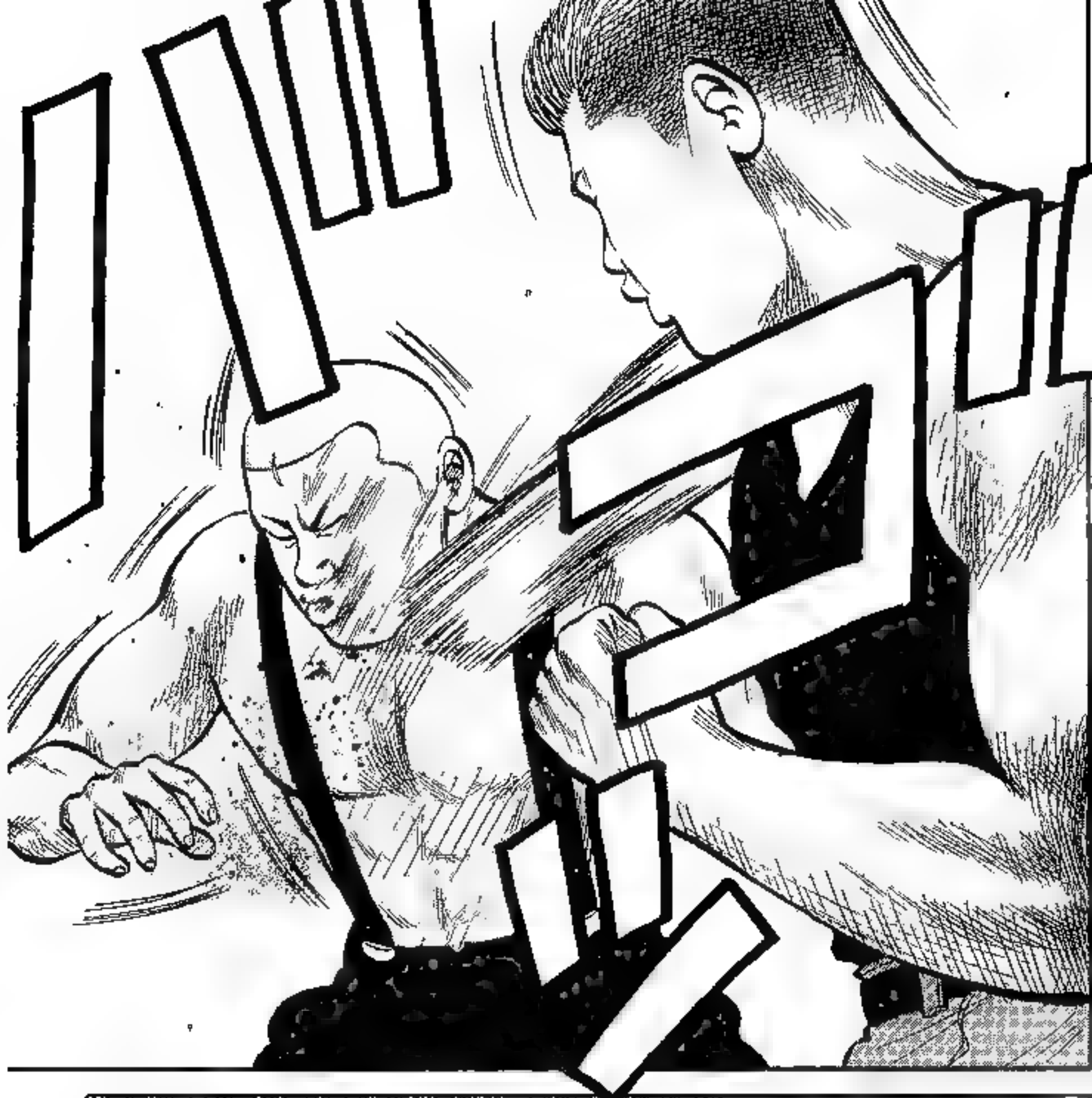


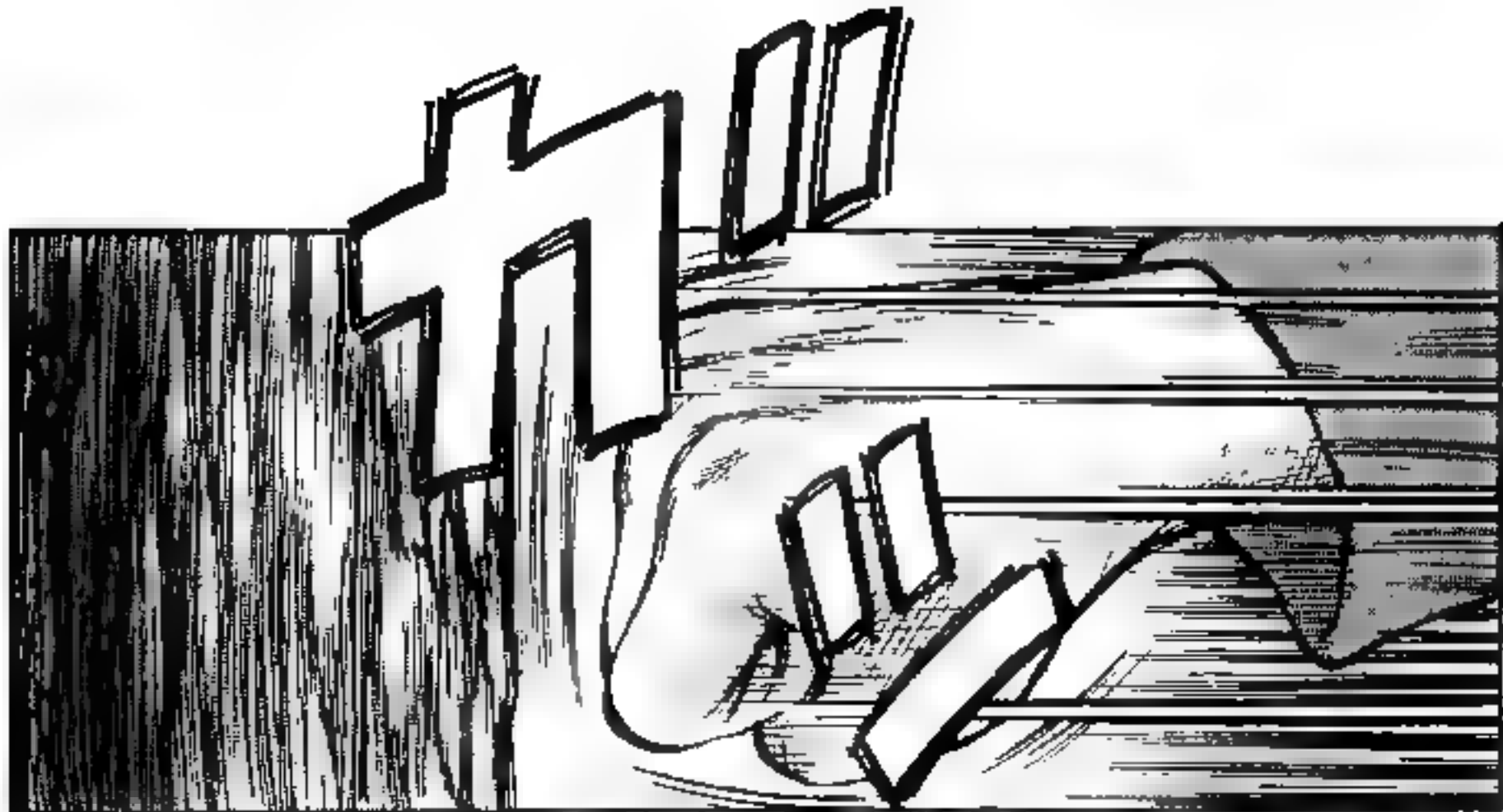












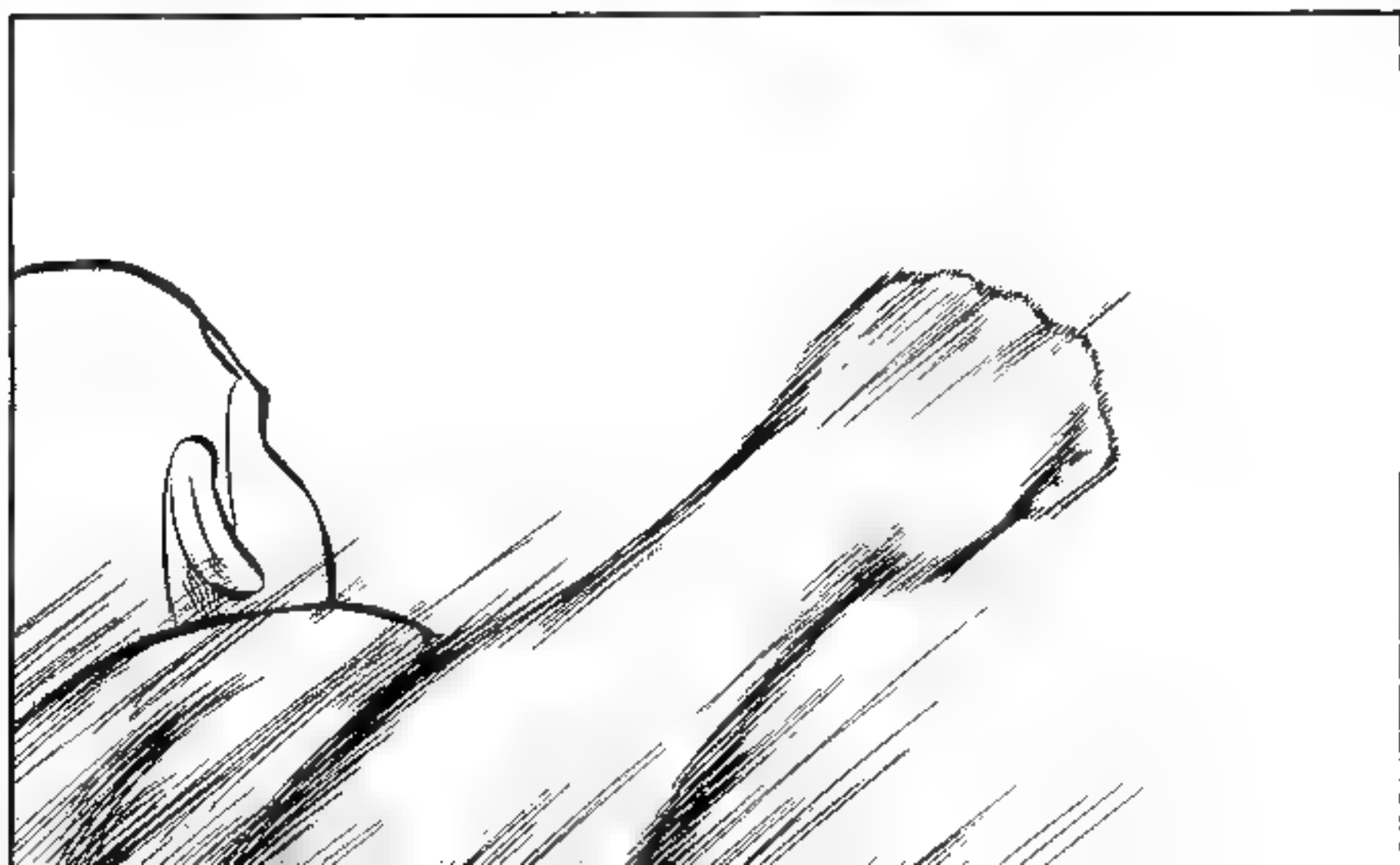
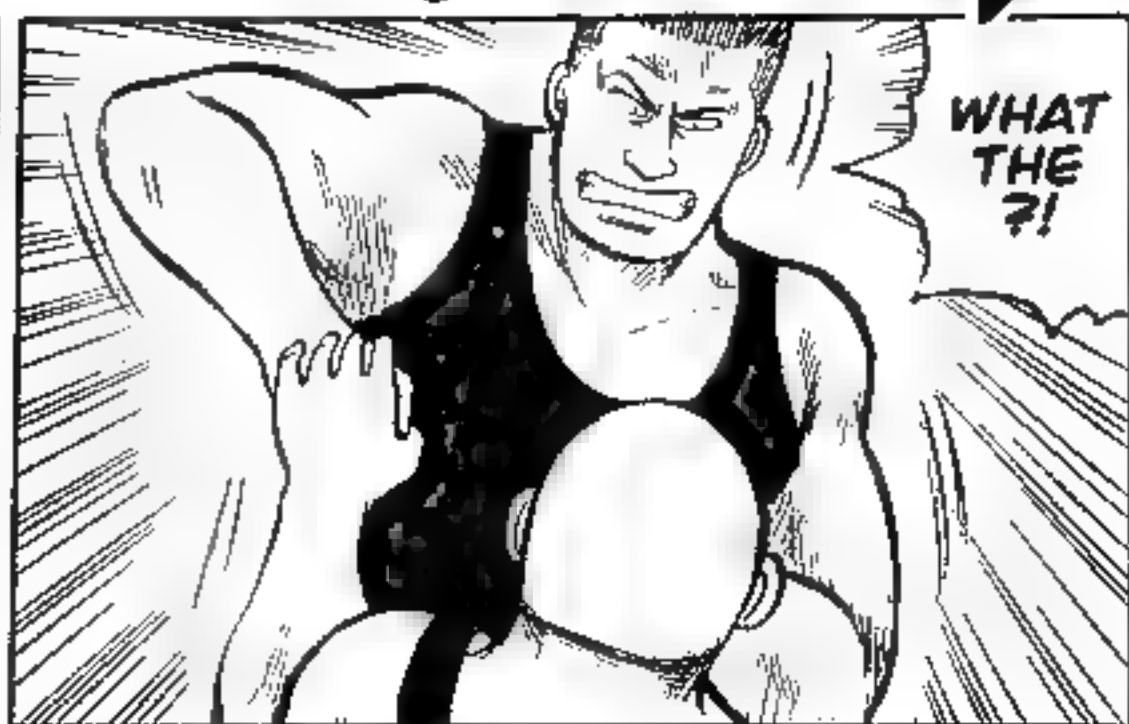


IF YOU
GET IT,
THEN
SHOW
SOME
BACK-
BONE!

YOUR
LOSS IS
A LOSS
FOR ALL
OF US
WHO
TRUST
AND
FOLLOW
YOU!



DIE!!

















OW
OW
OW
...



TSUYO-SHI!! KILL THAT BASTARD!

WH-WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE MESSIN' WITH?!



I'M GOING TO KILL HIM MYSELF ...

TH-THAT IDIOT ...



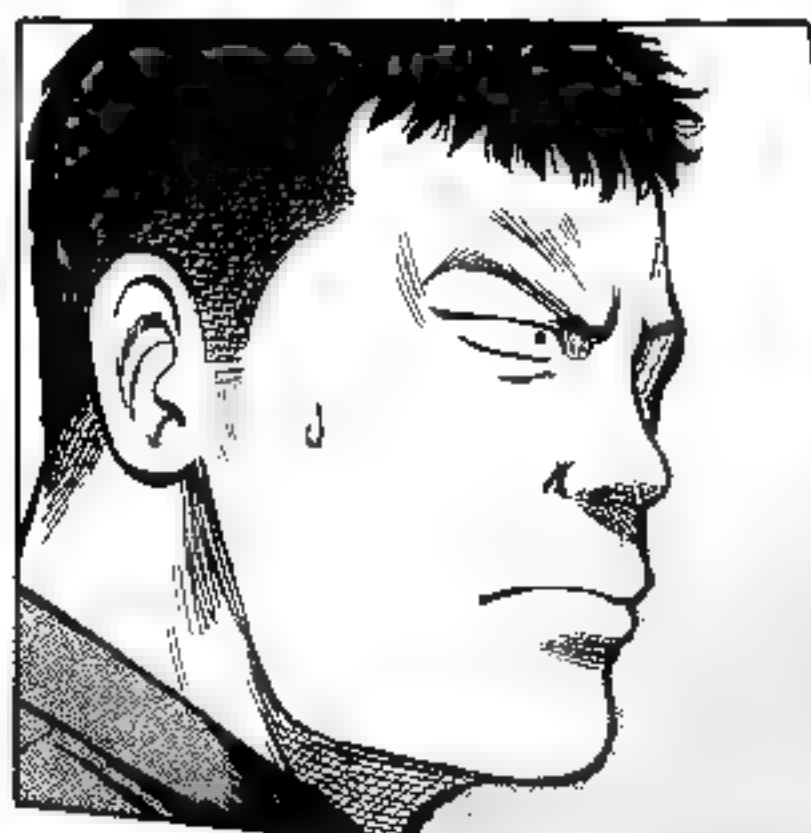






This is no
time for us
to be relax-
ing in a place
like this,
Tsuyoshi!

They're
coming for
us! They're
coming here!

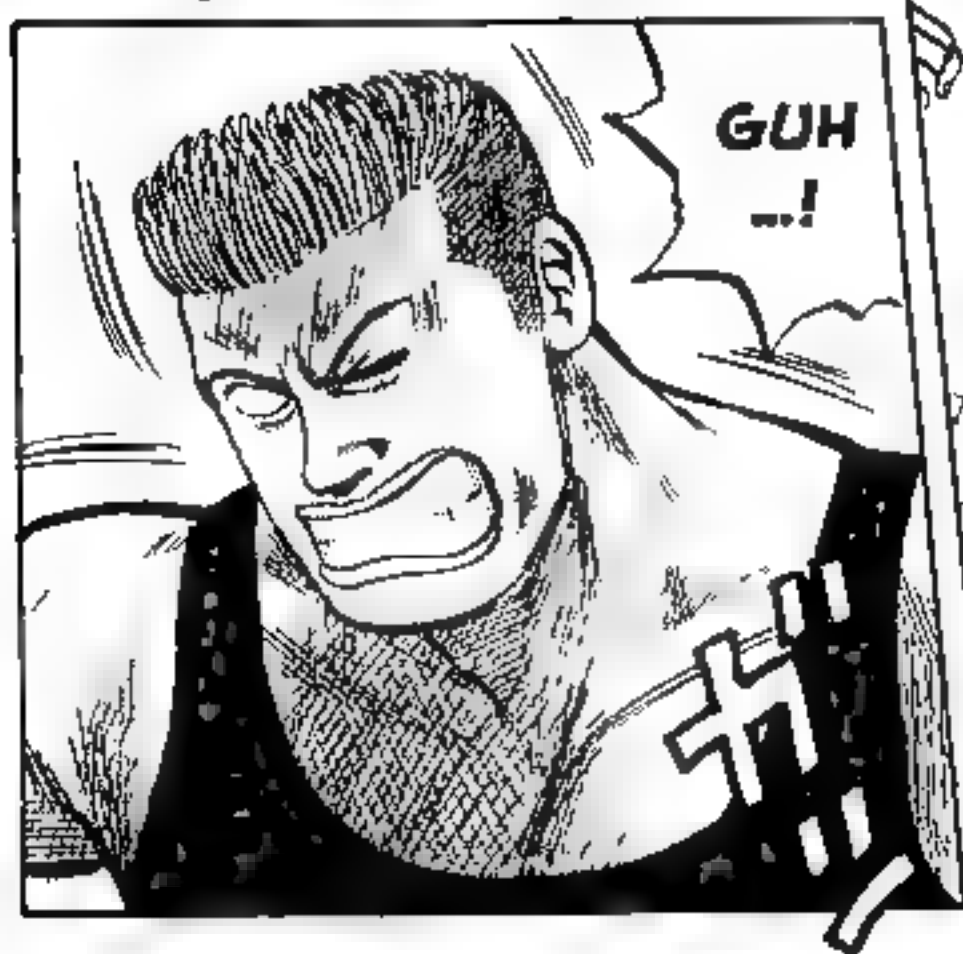


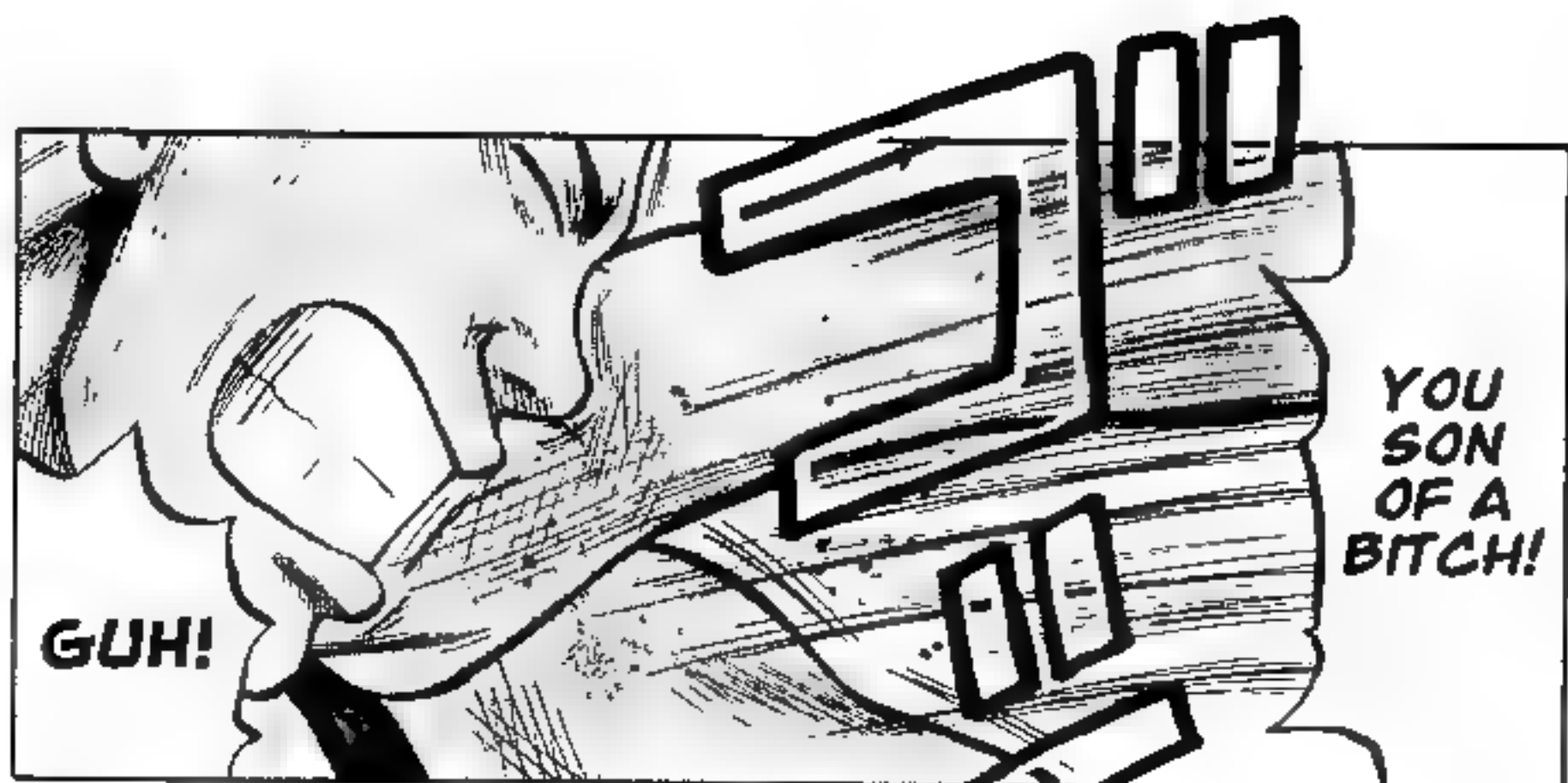
A-
AMAZING
...



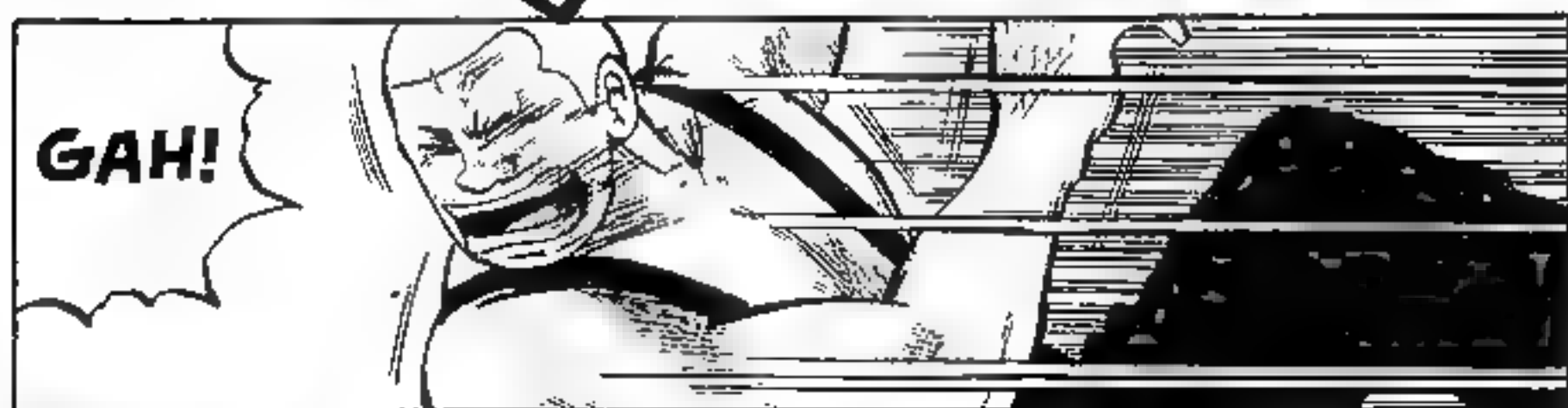
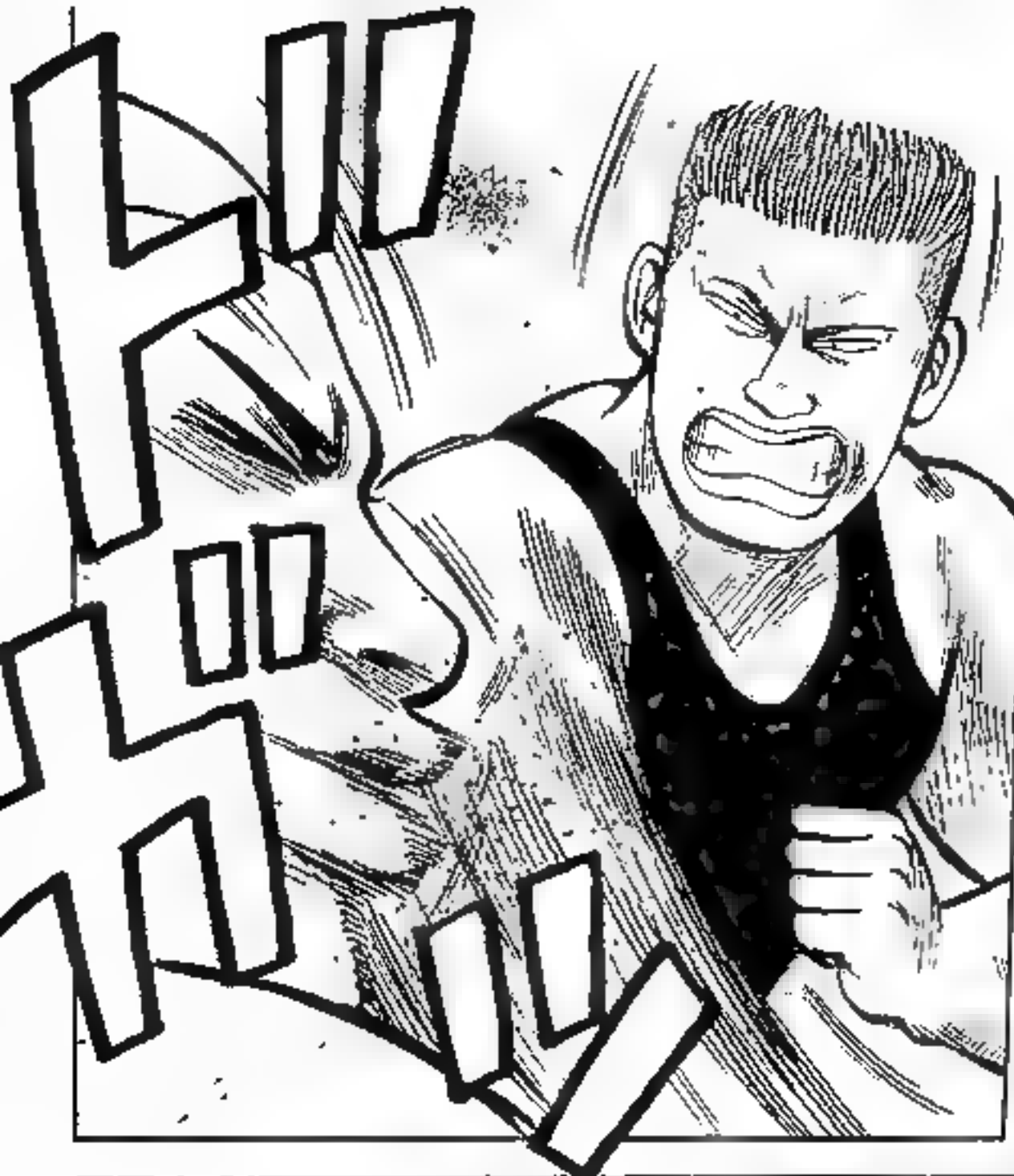
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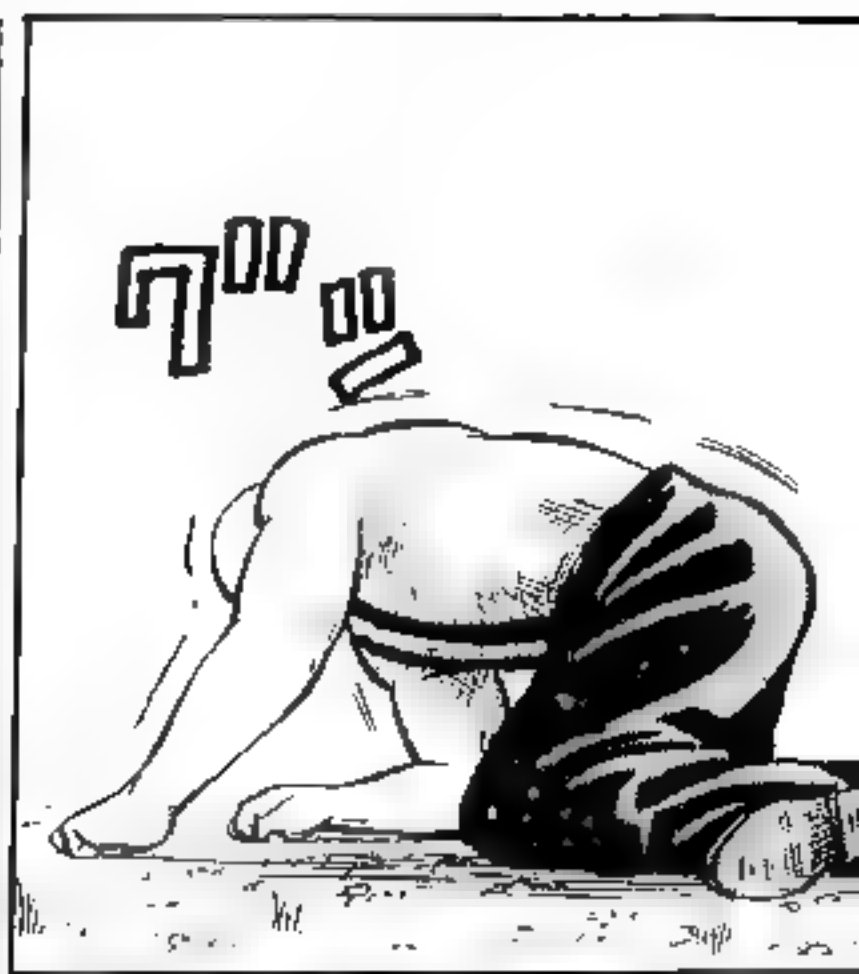
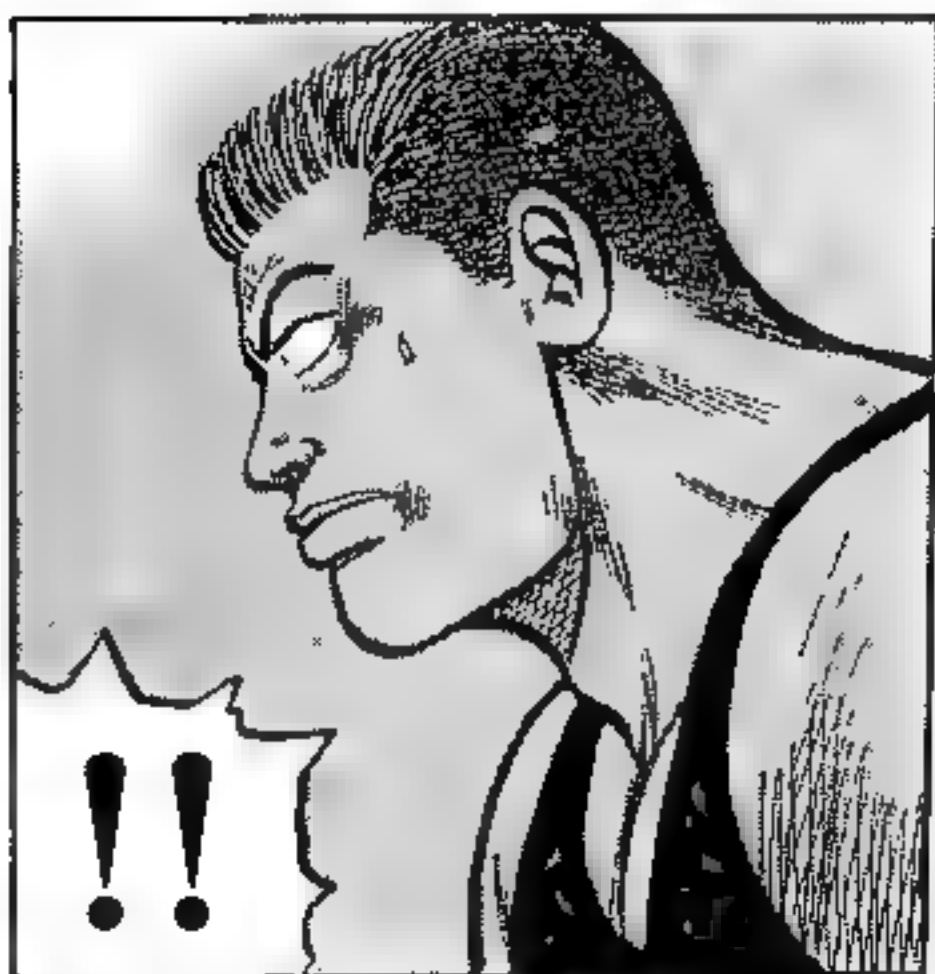
GWAH!

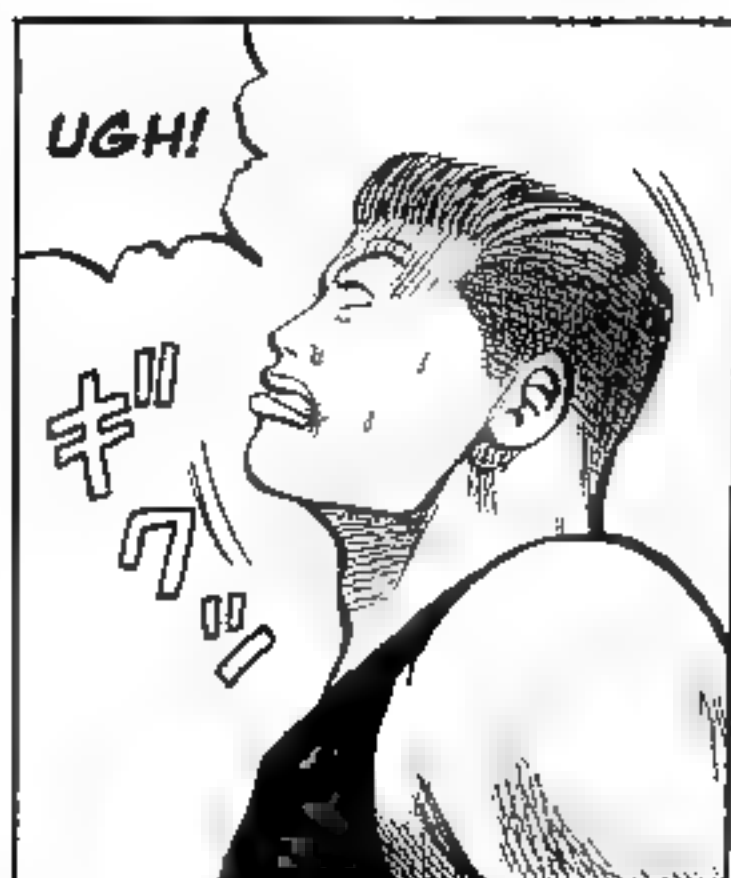


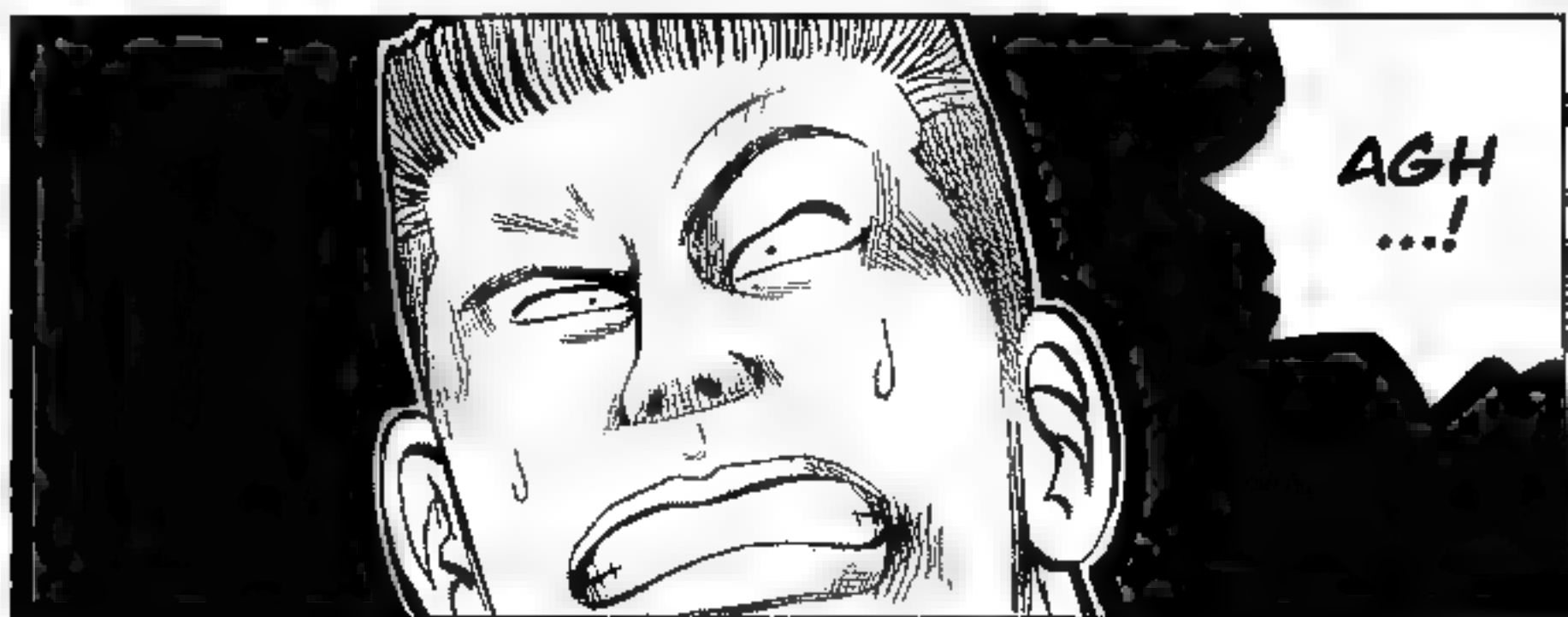


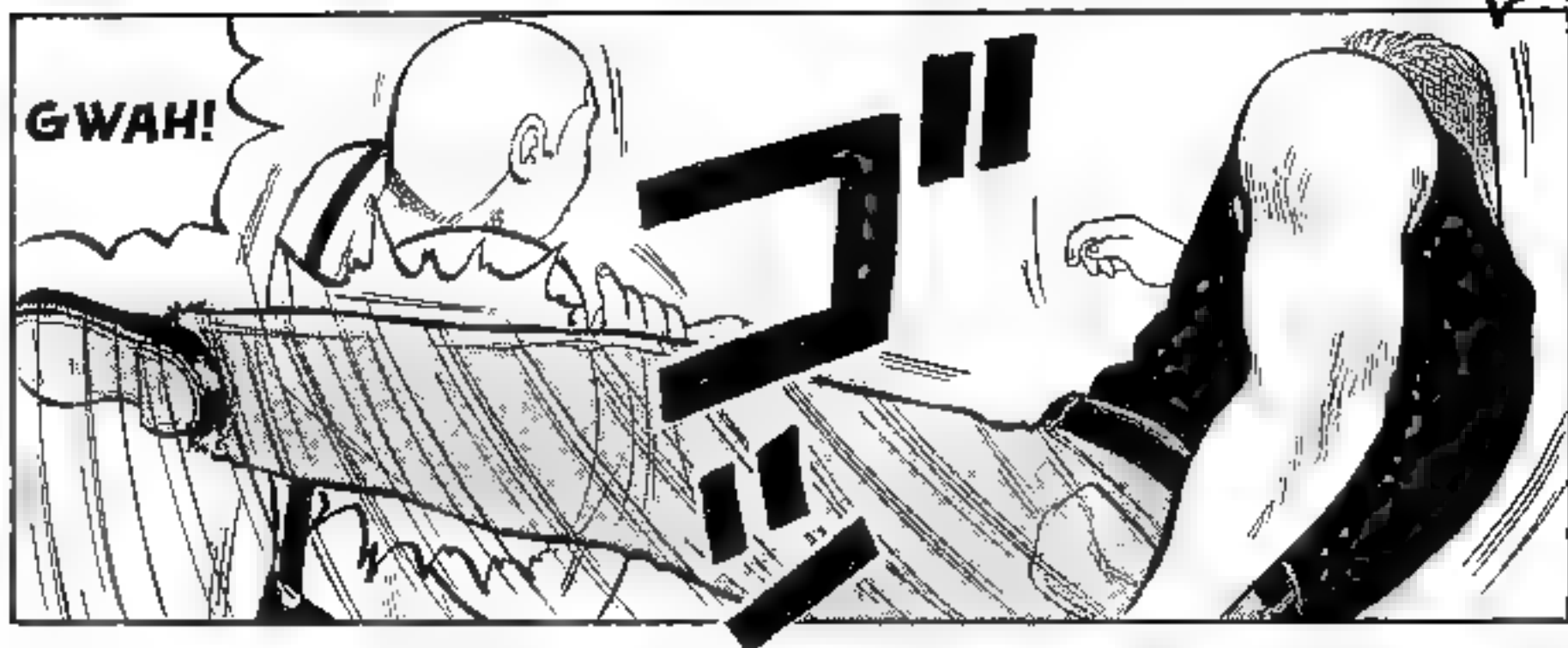


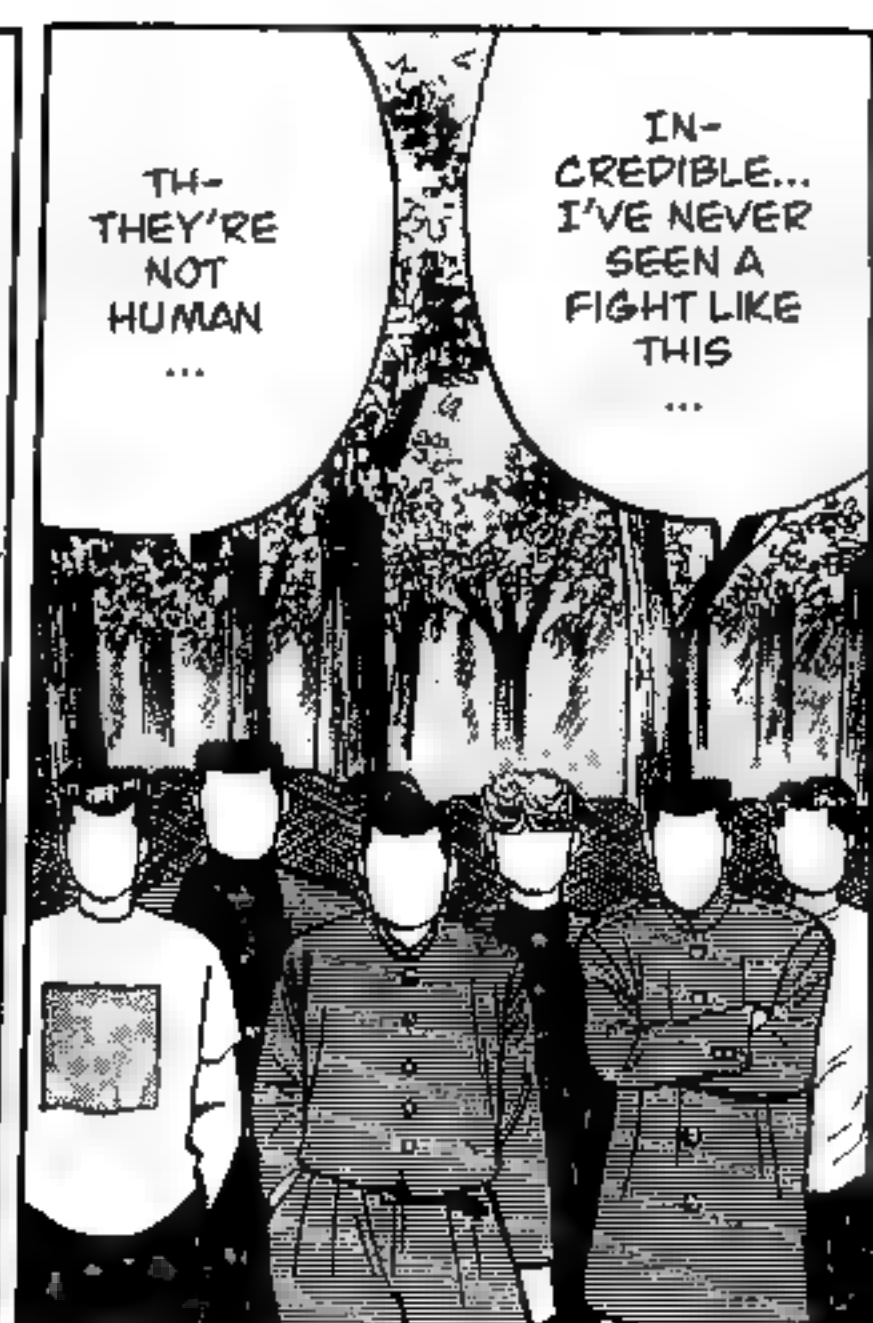














THAT
PERSON
NEEDS TO
HAVE THAT
EXTRA
QUALITY,
THAT
QUALITY
THAT
DRAWS
PEOPLE.

SOMEONE
WHO WANTS
TO BE "TOP"
CAN'T JUST
BE SMART,
OR A GOOD
FIGHTER.



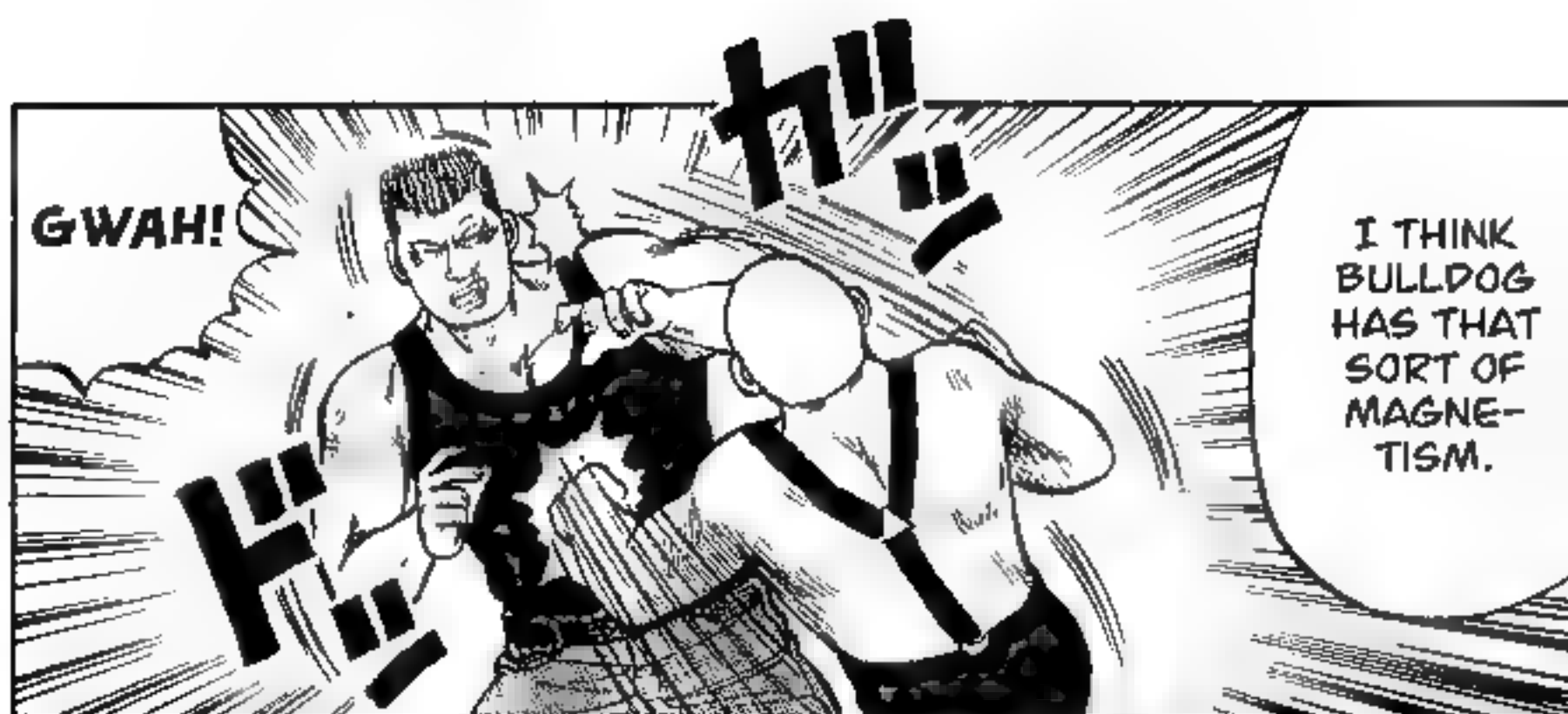
A BOSS IS
SOMEONE
THAT
PEOPLE
GRAVI-
TATE
TOWARDS.

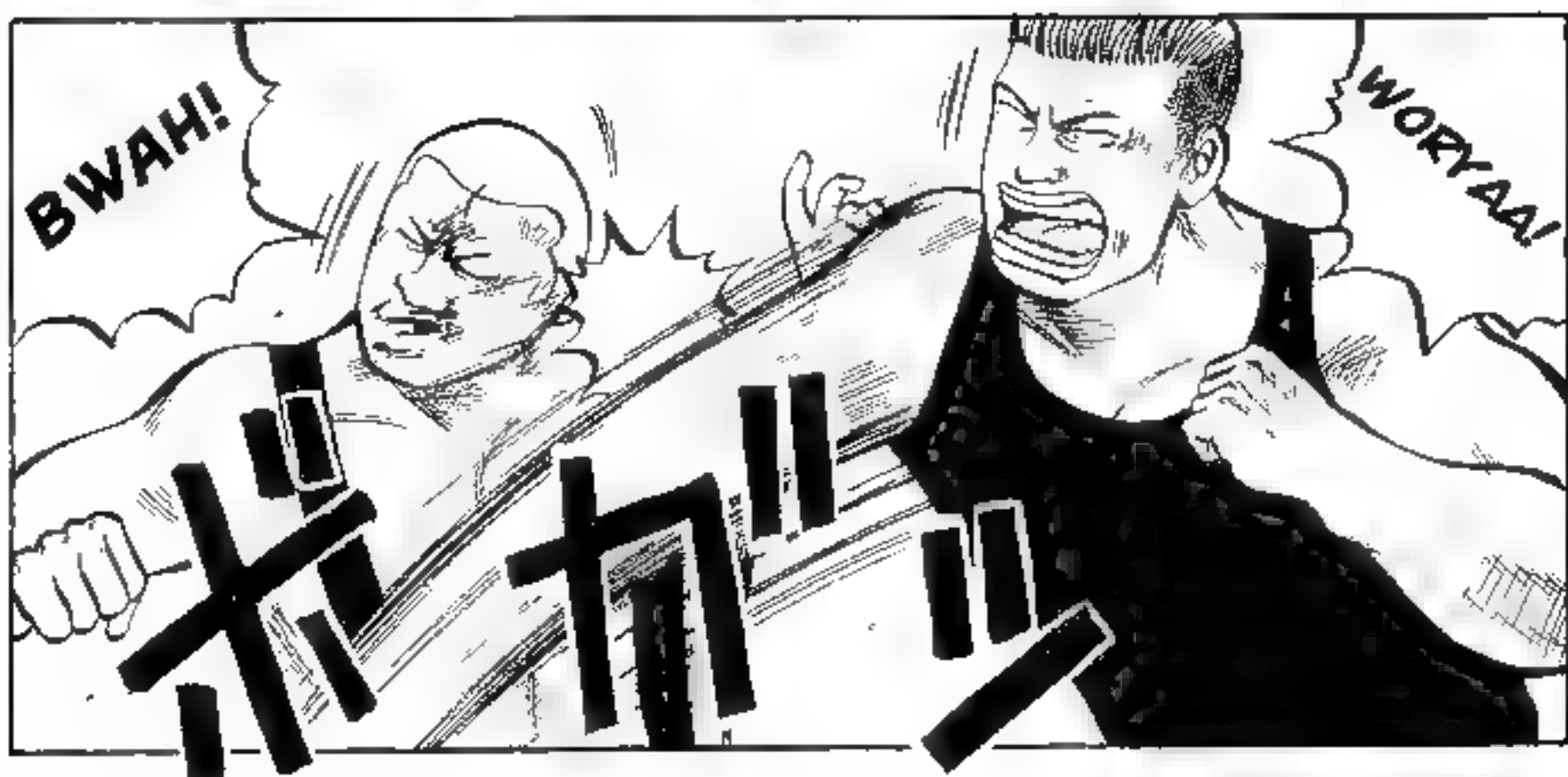
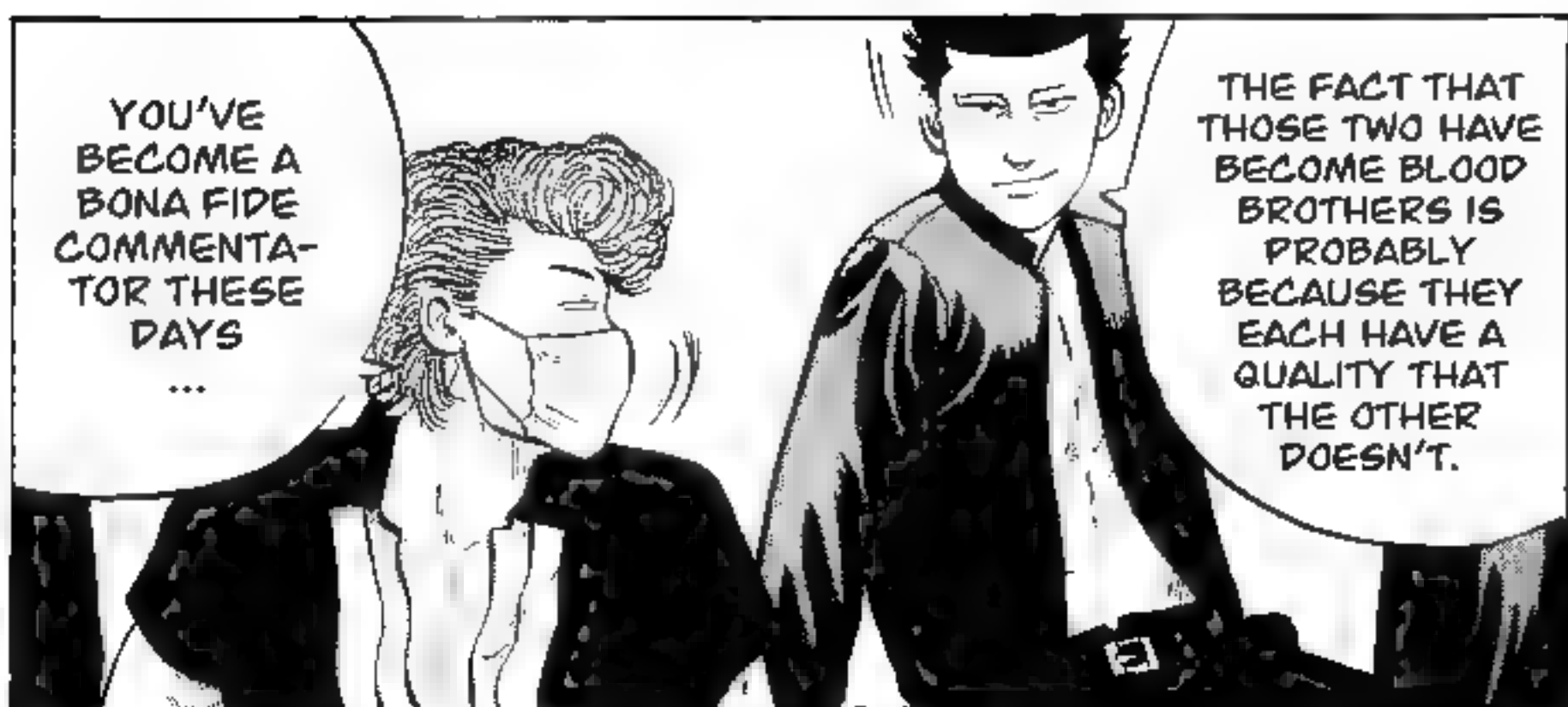
AND ONE
DAY HE
REALIZES
HIMSELF
THAT
EVERYONE
HAD BEEN
CALLING
HIM,
"BOSS."



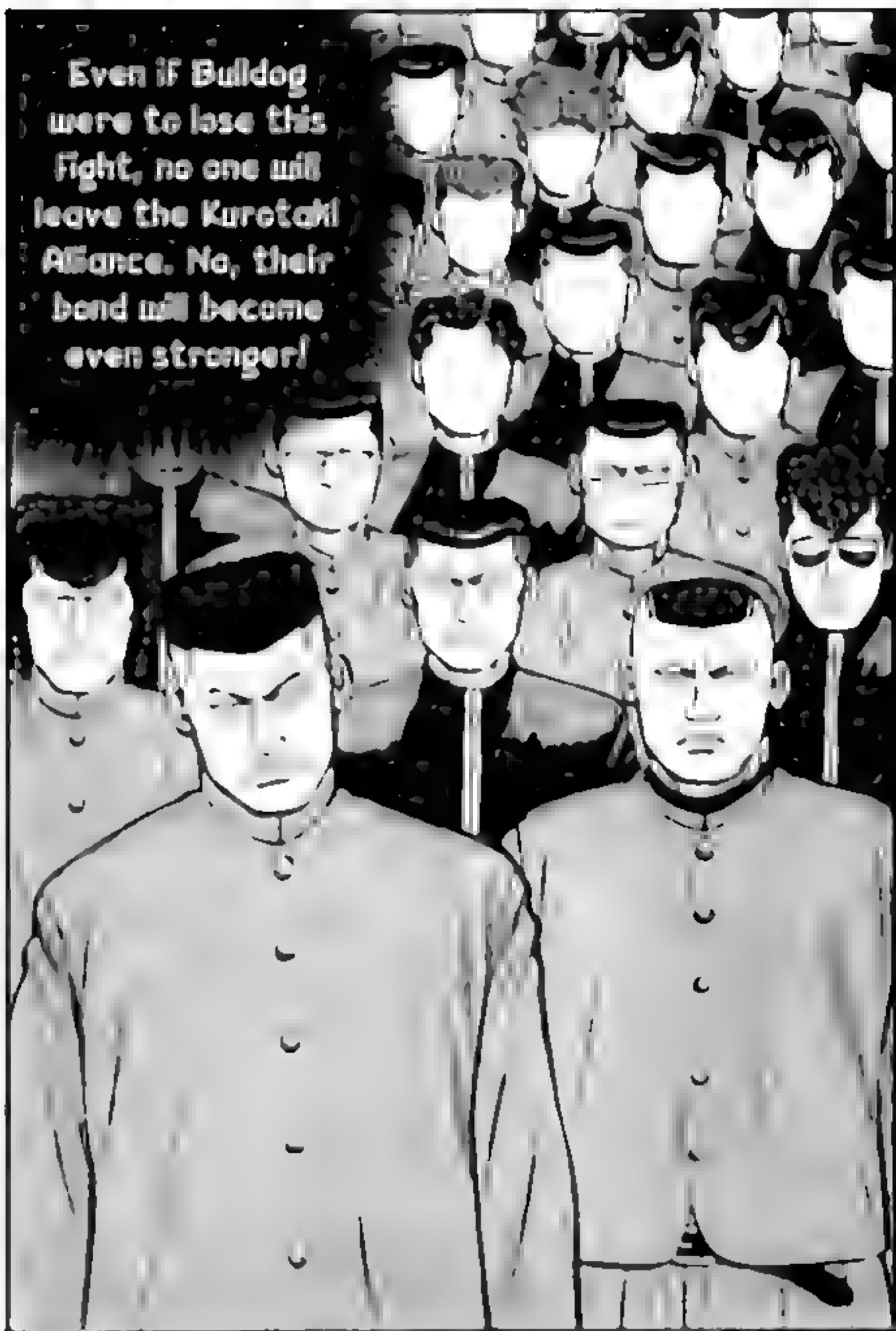
LIKE
WHEN
WE
WERE
KIDS.

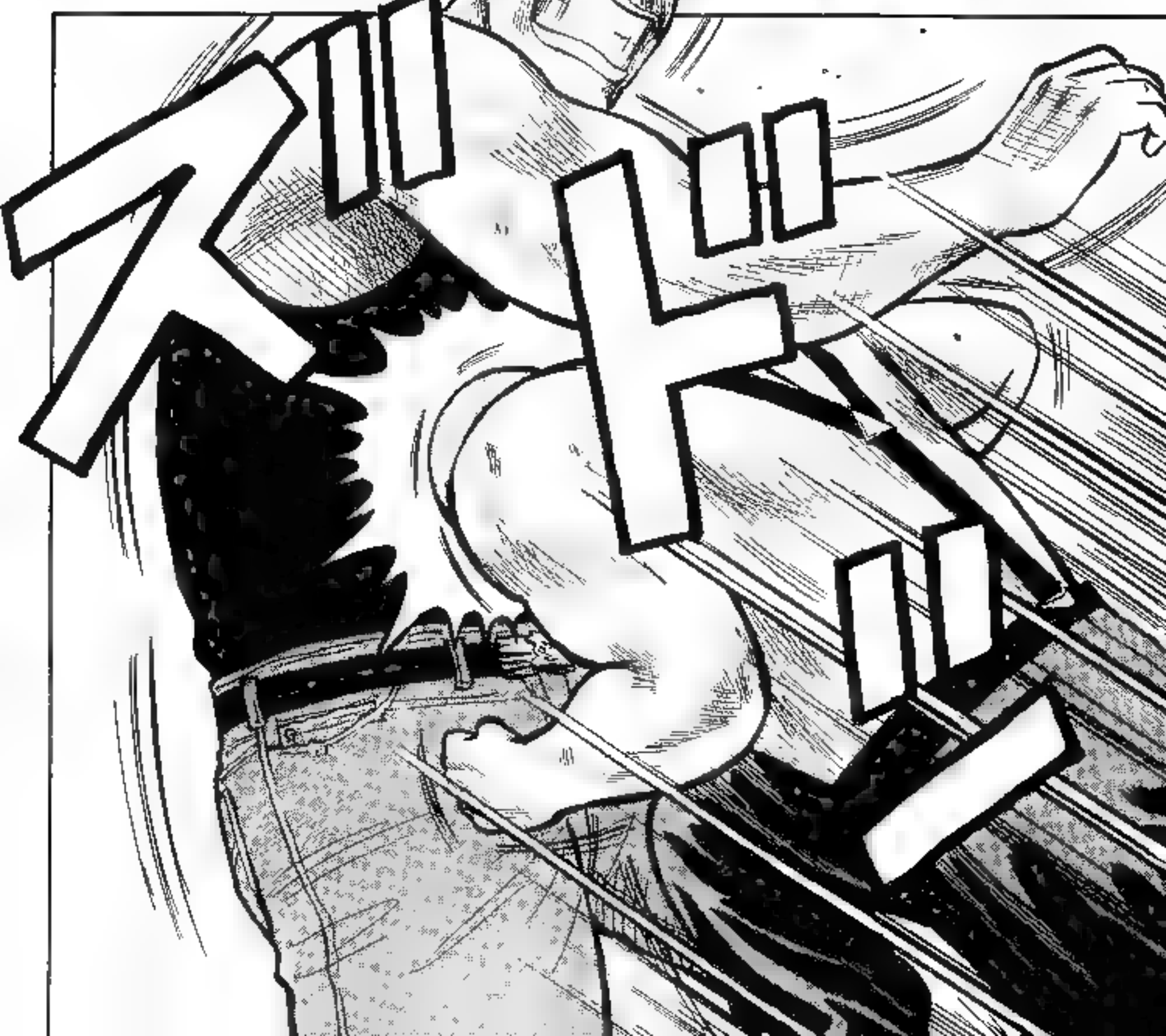
IT'S NOT LIKE
YOU FOLLOWED
THE KID WHO
USED HIS
STRENGTH OR
MONEY AND
SAID, "FOLLOW
ME!"



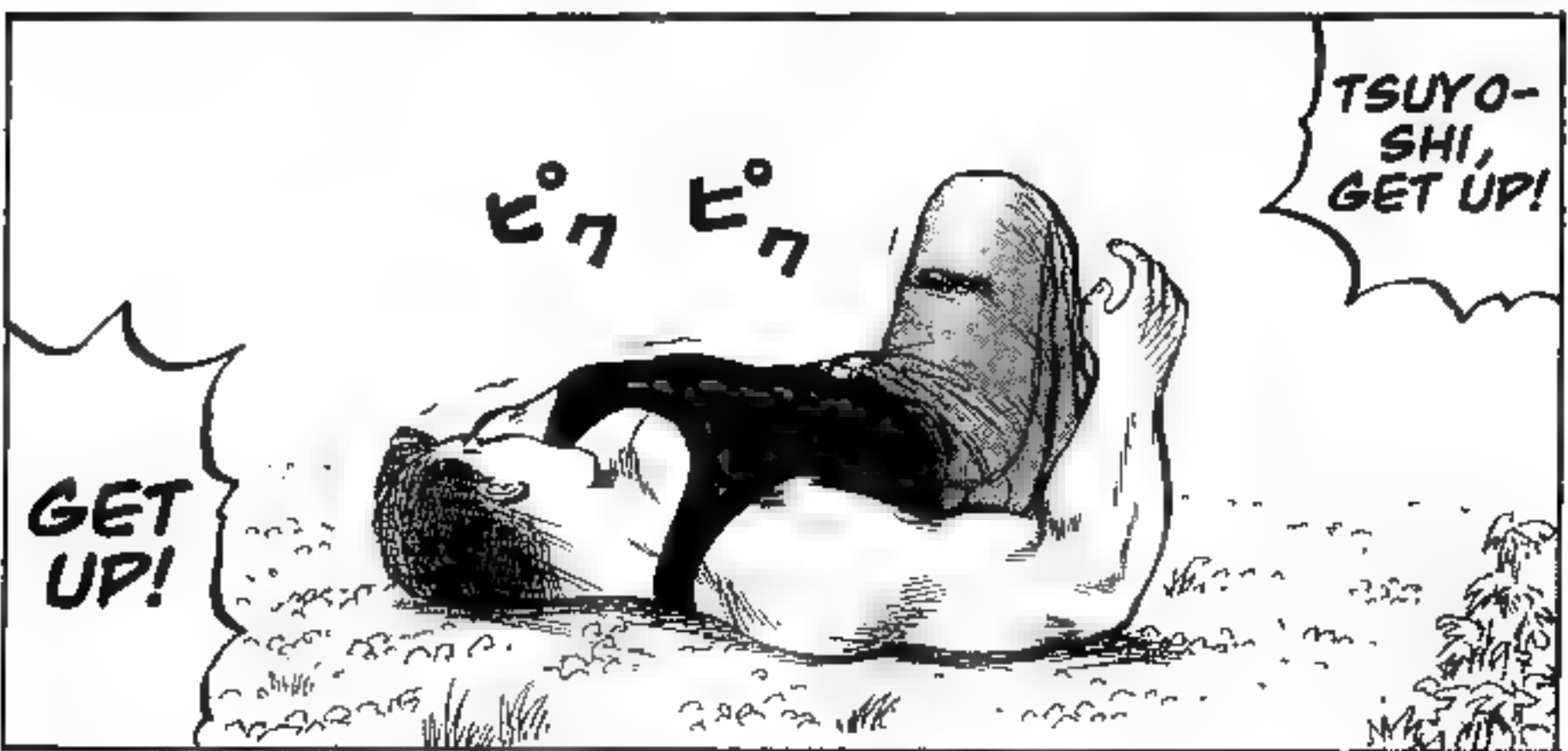
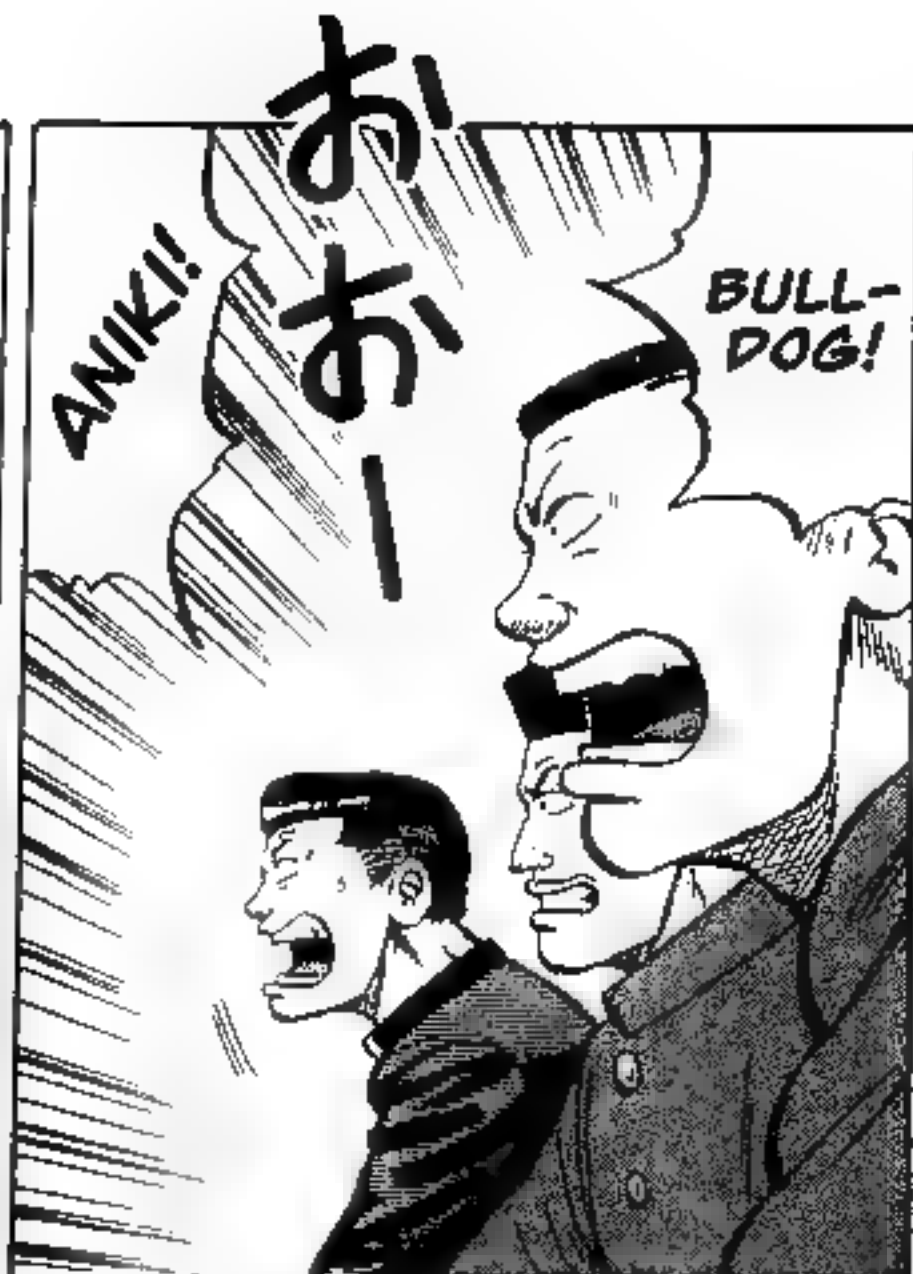


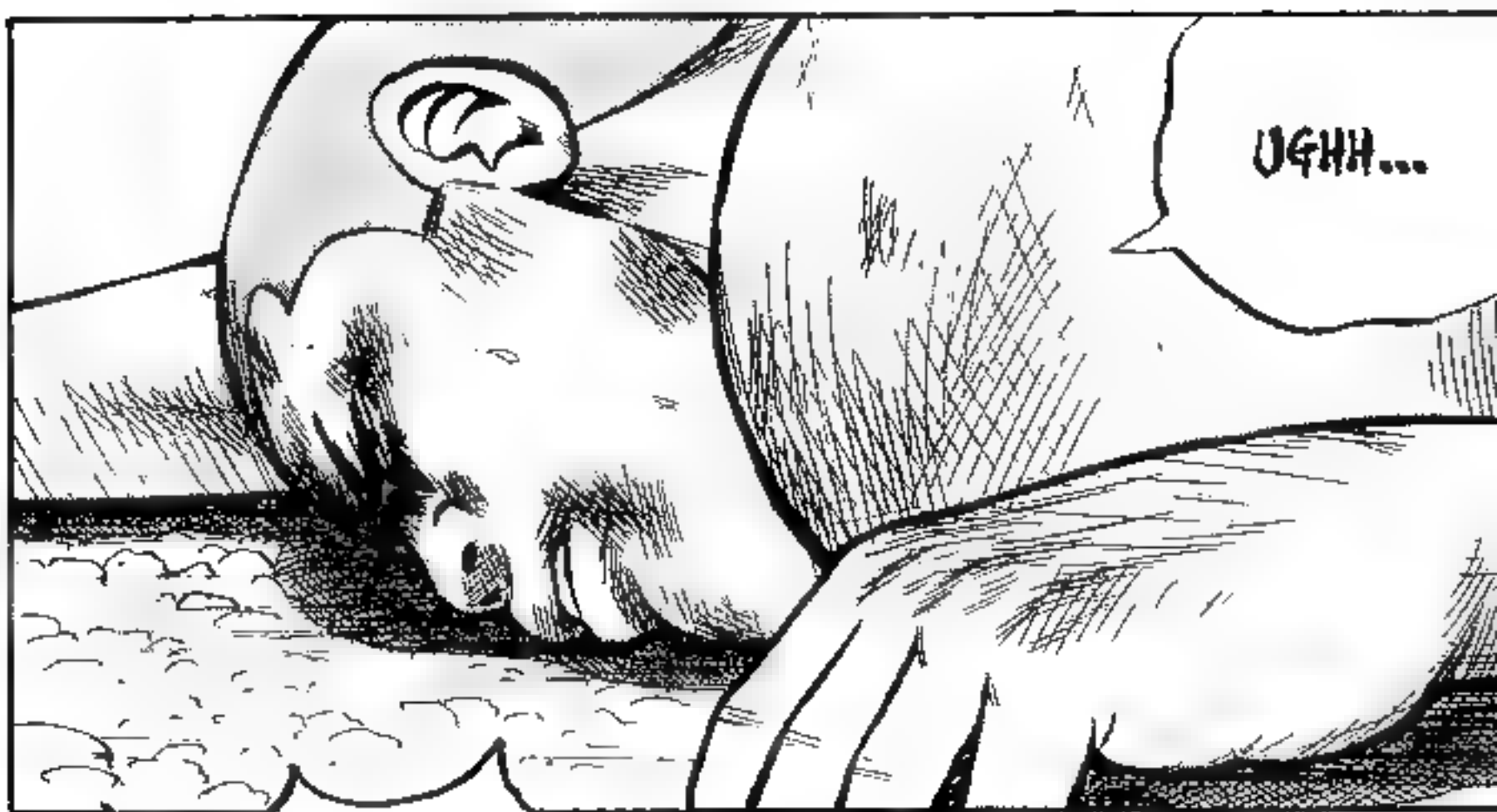
Even if Bulldog
were to lose this
fight, no one will
leave the Kuretake
Alliance. No, their
bond will become
even stronger!



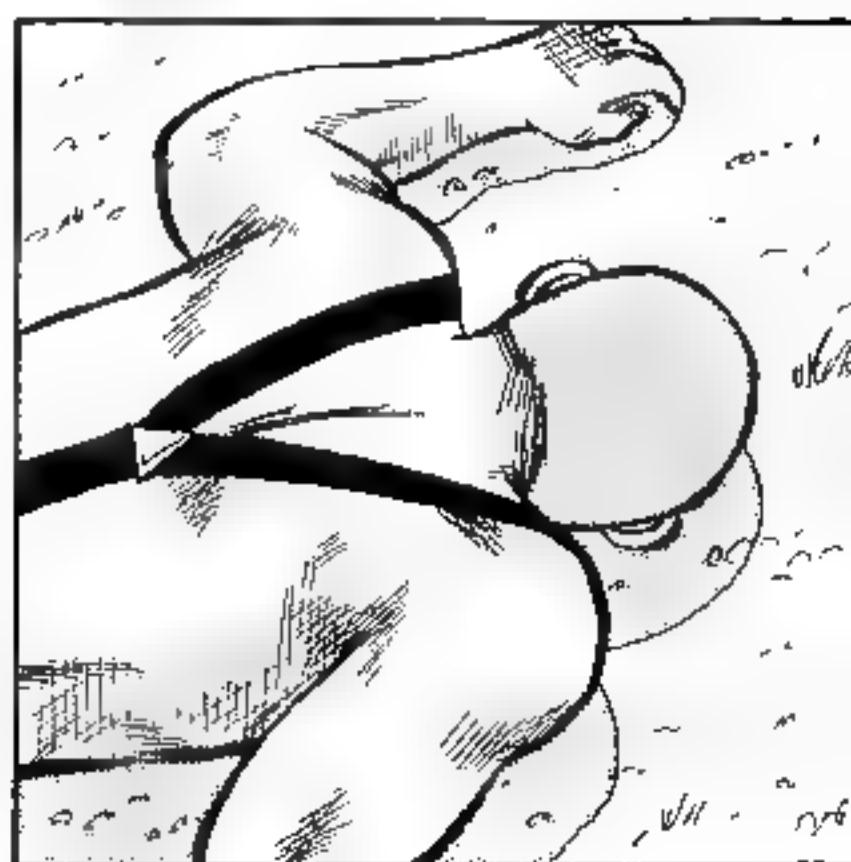








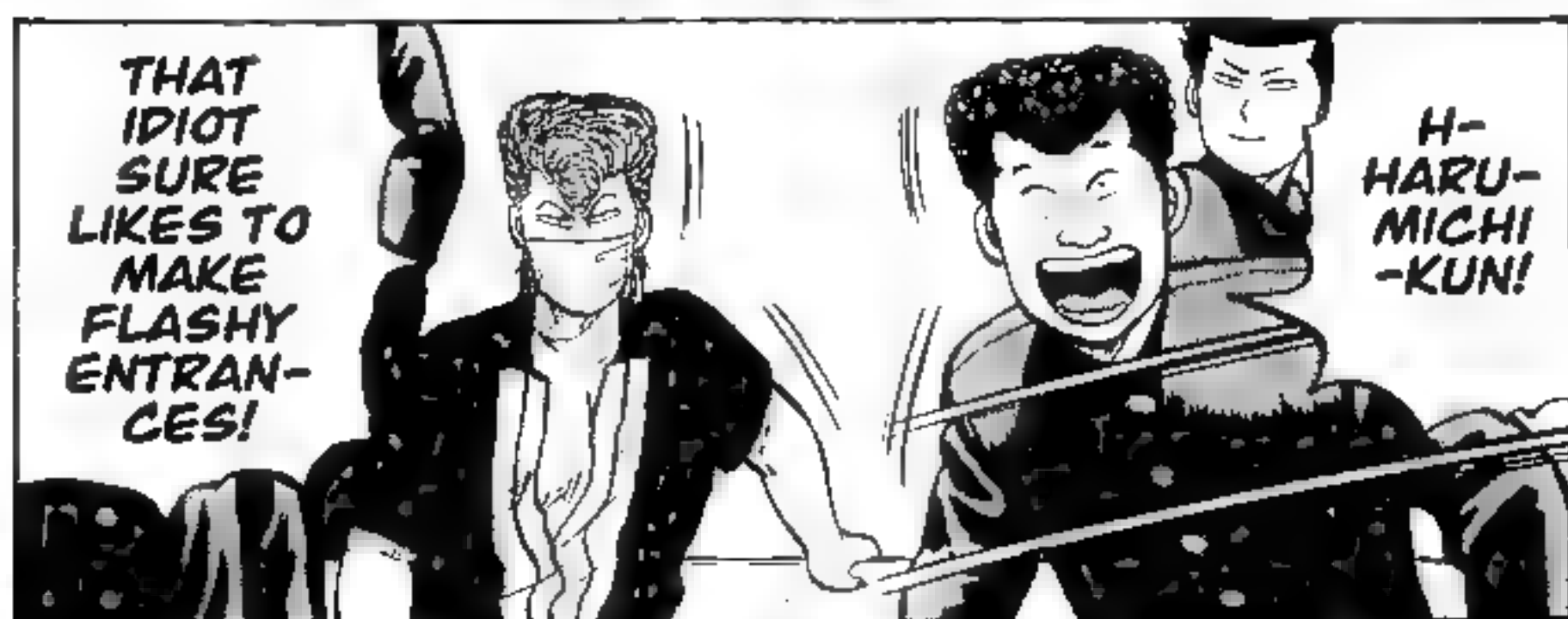
**BROTHER!
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
SLEEPING
IN A PLACE
LIKE THAT?!**





THAT'S
WHY YOU'RE
ALWAYS
GETTING
REJECTED BY
WOMEN, YOU
MORON!

I'LL
TEACH
YOU WHAT
IT IS TO
BE A
MAN, SO
GET UP,
BULLDOG!





AHH!

EH
?!



SO
THAT'S
SUZU-
RAN'S
BOUYA
...?



HE'S
BOUYA
HARU-
MACHI?!

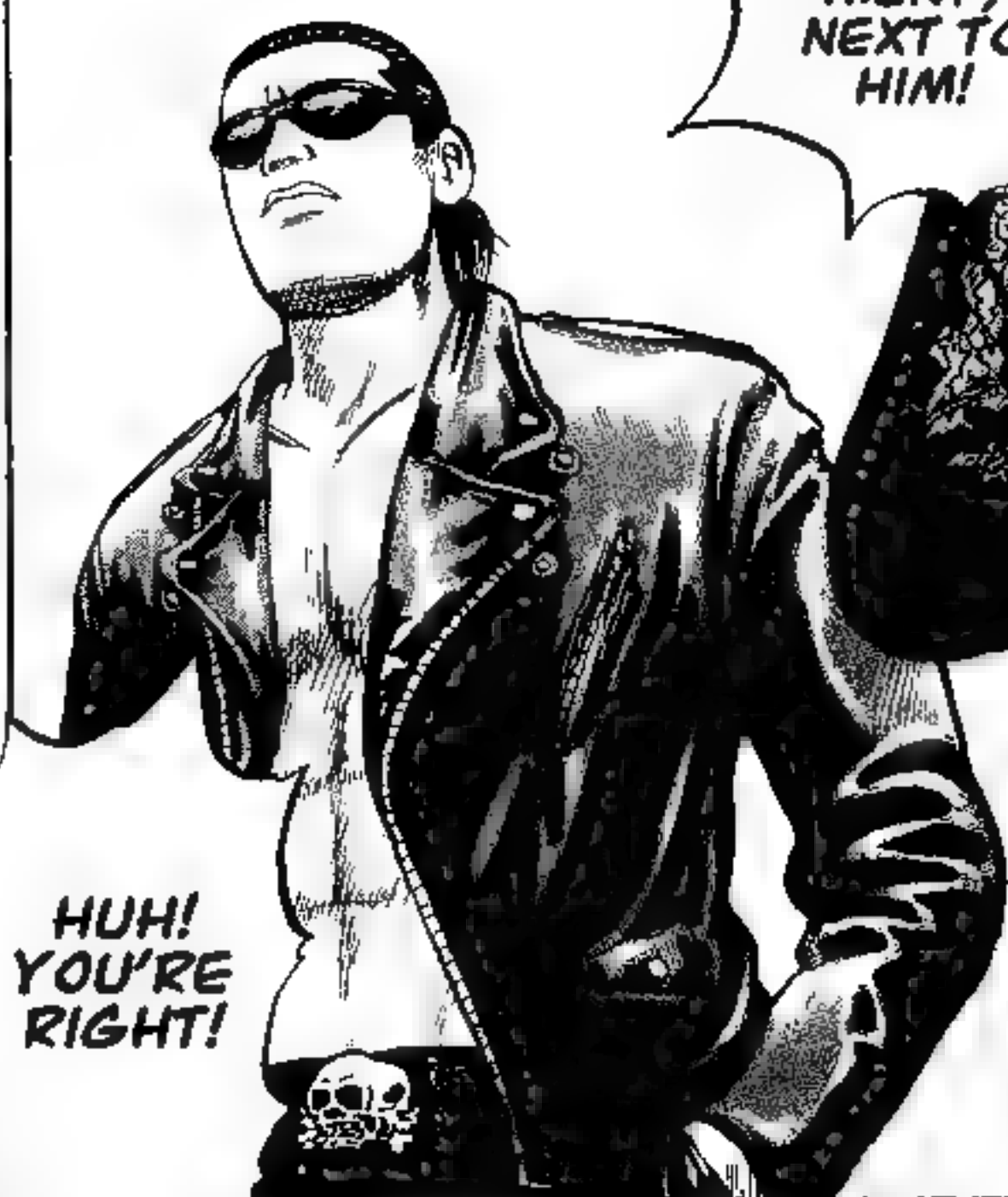
THAT'S
THE DIAR-
RHEA GUY
FROM THE
OTHER
DAY!

WHAT'S
GOING ON?!
WHAT ARE
THOSE TWO
DOING
TOGETHER
?!

H-HEY!
THAT'S
KUNOU
RYUU-
SHIN OF
THE
ARMA-
MENT,
NEXT TO
HIM!

MORE
THAN
THAT, HE
CALLED
BULLDOG
HIS
BROTHER!
ARE
BOUYA
AND
BULLDOG
BLOOD
BROTHERS?!

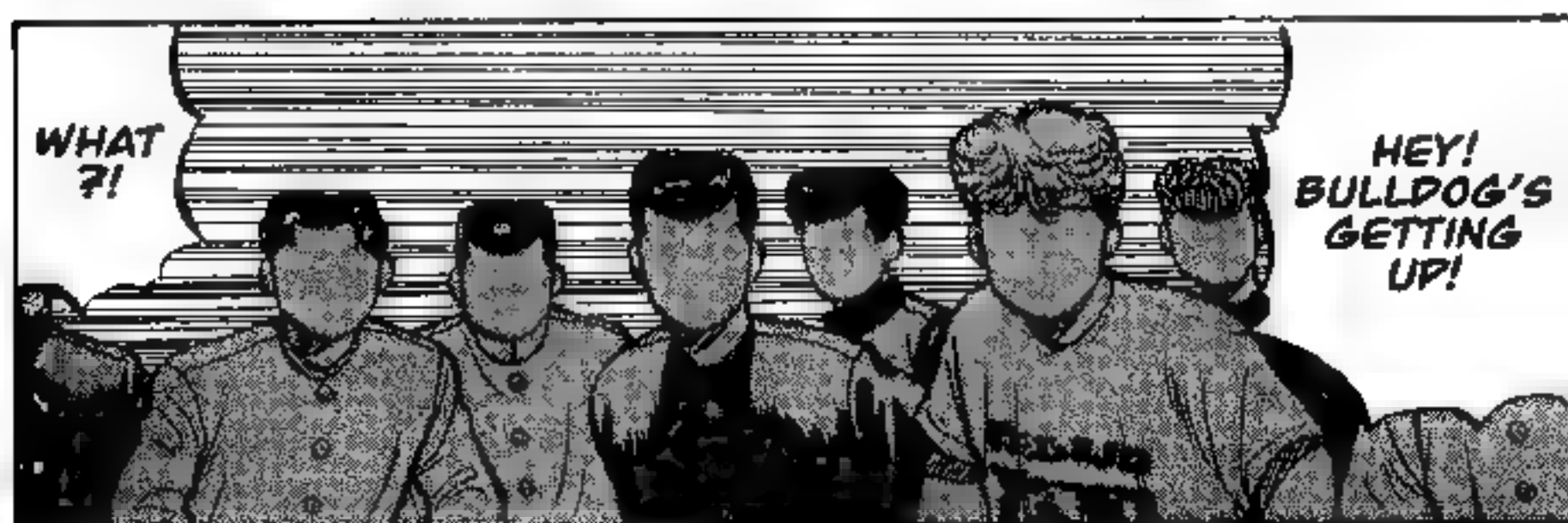
HUH!
YOU'RE
RIGHT!

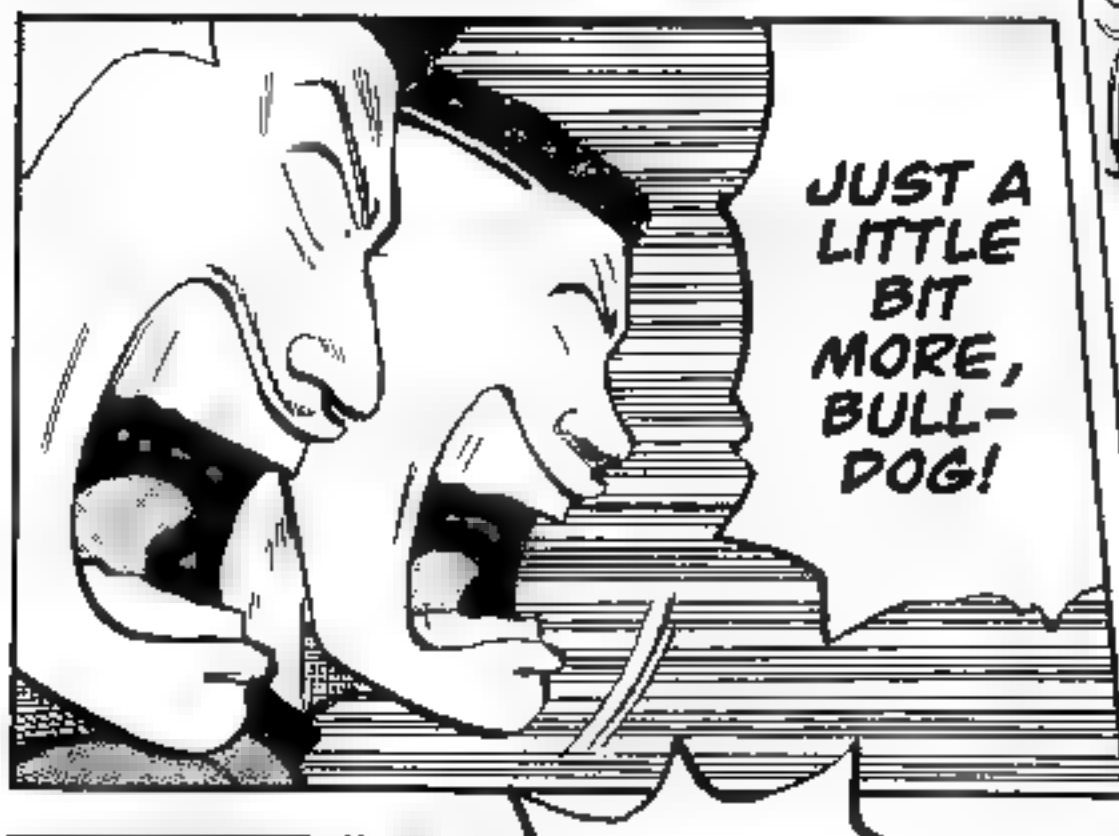


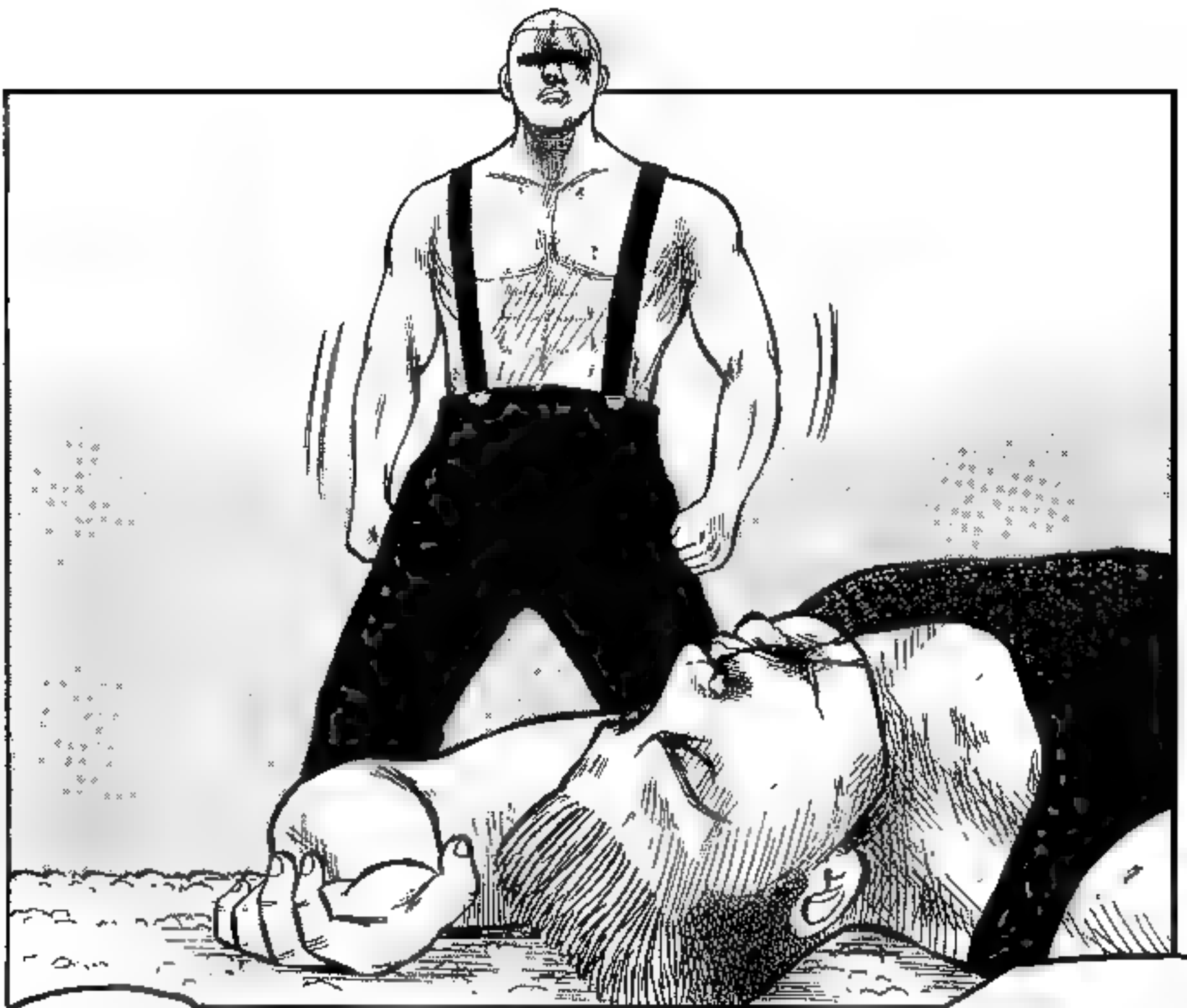
HOW THE
HELL
SHOULD I
KNOW?!

WH-
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!









**I
WIN.**

**I-I'M
PER-
FECTLY
FINE!**

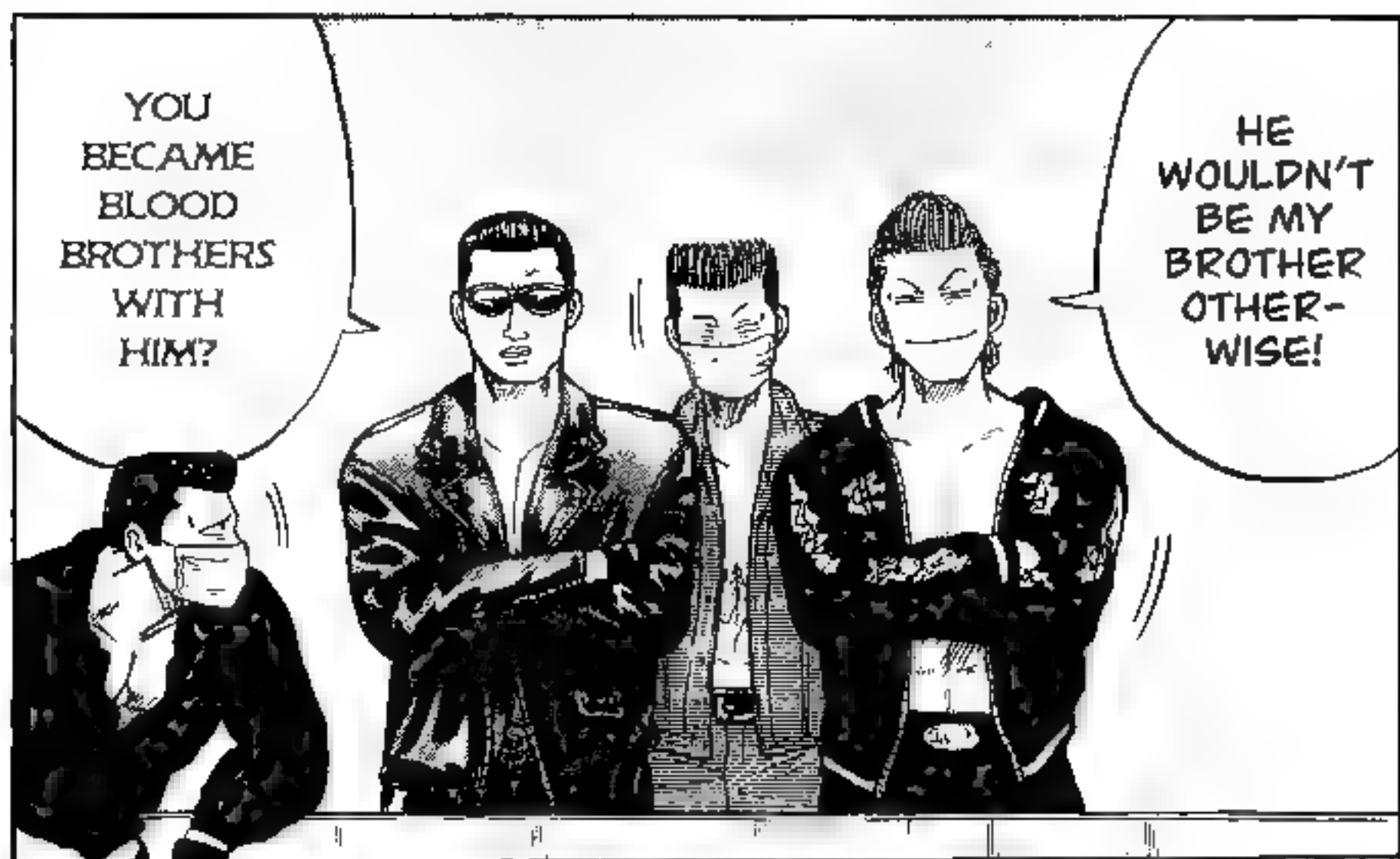


**YOU
DID IT,
BULL-
DOG!**

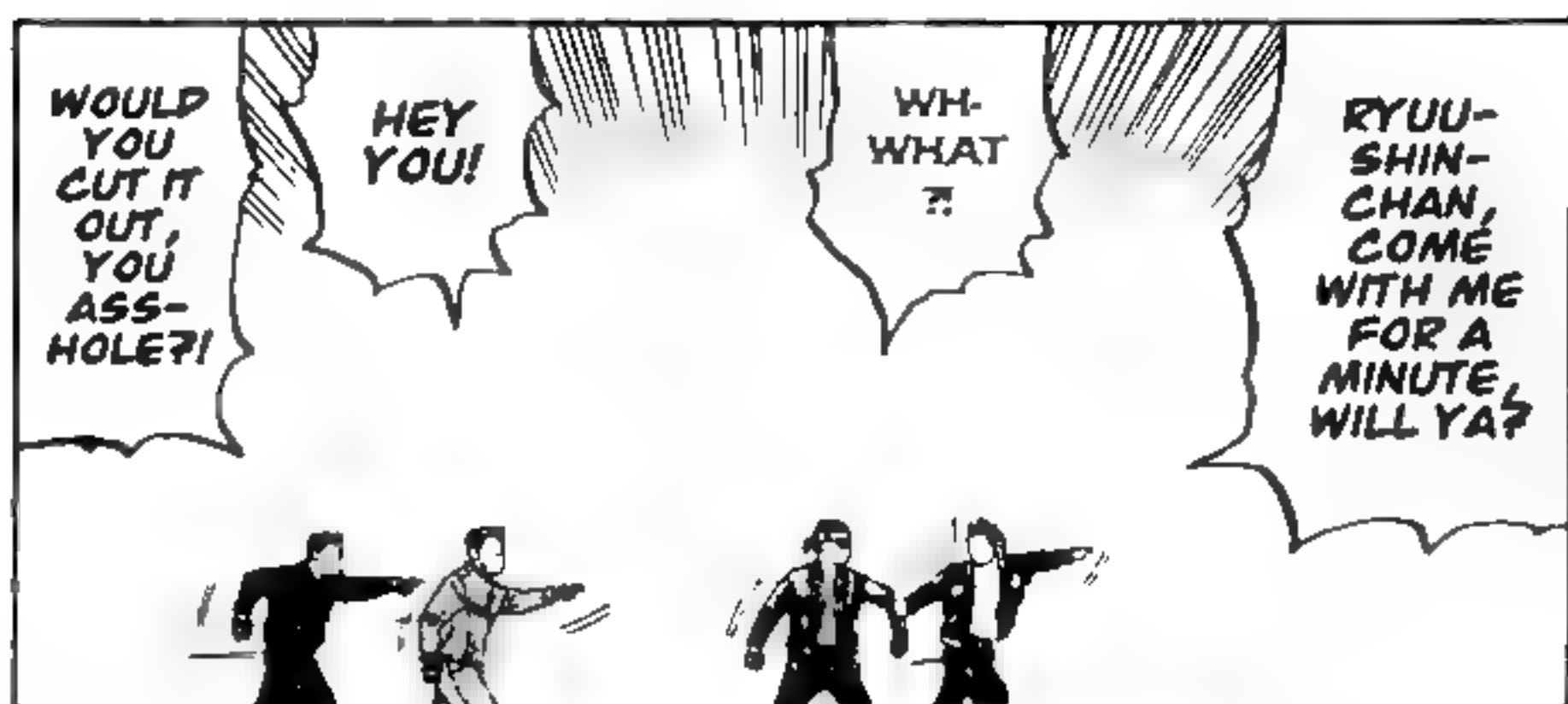
おー

**YEEE-
AAH-
HHH!**











IF I WERE TO SPEAK MY MIND...

PART28

A month later, Horie came to work five hours later, like usual (he could be five, six hours late and not so much as bat an eyelash) But he seemed cheerful for some reason... So I asked him, "You didn't!" and he said, "Fu fu fu.. 250,000 yen prize." "Wow! Th-that's great! Tardy King Horie had won the second place New Mangaka prize at the 7th Chiba Tetsuya! This was great!

Tanimura Productions had a family-like atmosphere, and so we kicked everything aside, called Hayashika-san and threw Horie a party. Of course with yakiniku!

We were all happy for him, but at the same time I felt like, "Damn! He got me!" Of course I would. If a mangaka normally has from three to five assistants, it's usually one that will win anything and be able to debut on his or her own. Our first chief assistant Hayashika-san had already won the New Manga prize at Jump (300,000 yen prize). Two-in-a-row? What about the rest of us. ? That was what was on my mind. Horie ended up leaving as well. From what I hear he'll be making his debut soon at Kodansha Publishing.

I think about it now and this was a huge deal. Horie, who was the same age as I was and my rival, someone who shared my dream, had made a big step towards that dream! That bastard Tardy King!

I can do it too! I had a fire in my belly.

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JEREMY WAS HEARD A TIGER'S ROAR ON MY
EYES LIKE TWO HUND IN AROUND 100 MILES.
I HEARD THAT MY HEART WAS NOW BEATING FROM
75 TO 100. BEFORE THAT ACTION I THOUGHT
"WHAT WOULD BECOME OF". THEN I PUT THE BOOK
OFFSIDE. MY HEART WAS 100 MILES...

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CHAPTER 29: I'M THE ONE THAT'S DRIVING (Part 1)



Furukawa Osamu



Maruyama Kenichi

Kadozumi Kenichi

Ishikawa Masao



Bouya Harumichi



Yasuda Yasuo



Sugihara Makoto

Kirishima Hiromi

Honjou Toshiaki



Kunou Ryuushin



Takanashi Osamu

Ishii Tsuyoshi




Yagisawa Akira



Hirajima Shingo



Katayama Chiaki



**NOW YOU
GOTTA SUCK
IT UP AND
FOLLOW
THROUGH
WITH THOSE
CONDITIONS
YOU PRATTLED
ON ABOUT!
ALL OF YOU
GET ON YOUR
KNEES AND
APOLOGIZE!**

**WE
WON
THE
FIGHT!**



**WH-WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?!
THAT'S
WHAT THEY
WOULD'VE
DONE!**

**HEY,
STOP.
THAT'S
ENOUGH.
JUST LET
'EM GO
HOME.**



IF WE DID THINGS THAT WAY, MAKE THEM LOWER THEIR HEADS AND JOIN US, THEN ALL WE'D HAVE IS AN ARMY OF SOLDIERS WHO RESENT US.

I WANT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF FRIENDS THAT THE KUROTAKE ALLIANCE HAS, NOT THE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS.

AND EACH OF THOSE RESENTMENTS WILL SOMEDAY BECOME THE CRACKS THAT BREAK THE UNITY AND TRUST OF THE KUROTAKE ALLIANCE.



BUT THEN, WHAT WERE WE FIGHTING SO HARD FOR IN THE FIRST PLACE?

BULL-DOG... IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING ...



B-BUT...! NAIVE AND ROSY SENTIMENTS LIKE THAT'LL JUST MAKE THEM LOOK DOWN ON US AGAIN!

THAT'S RIGHT, ANIKI!

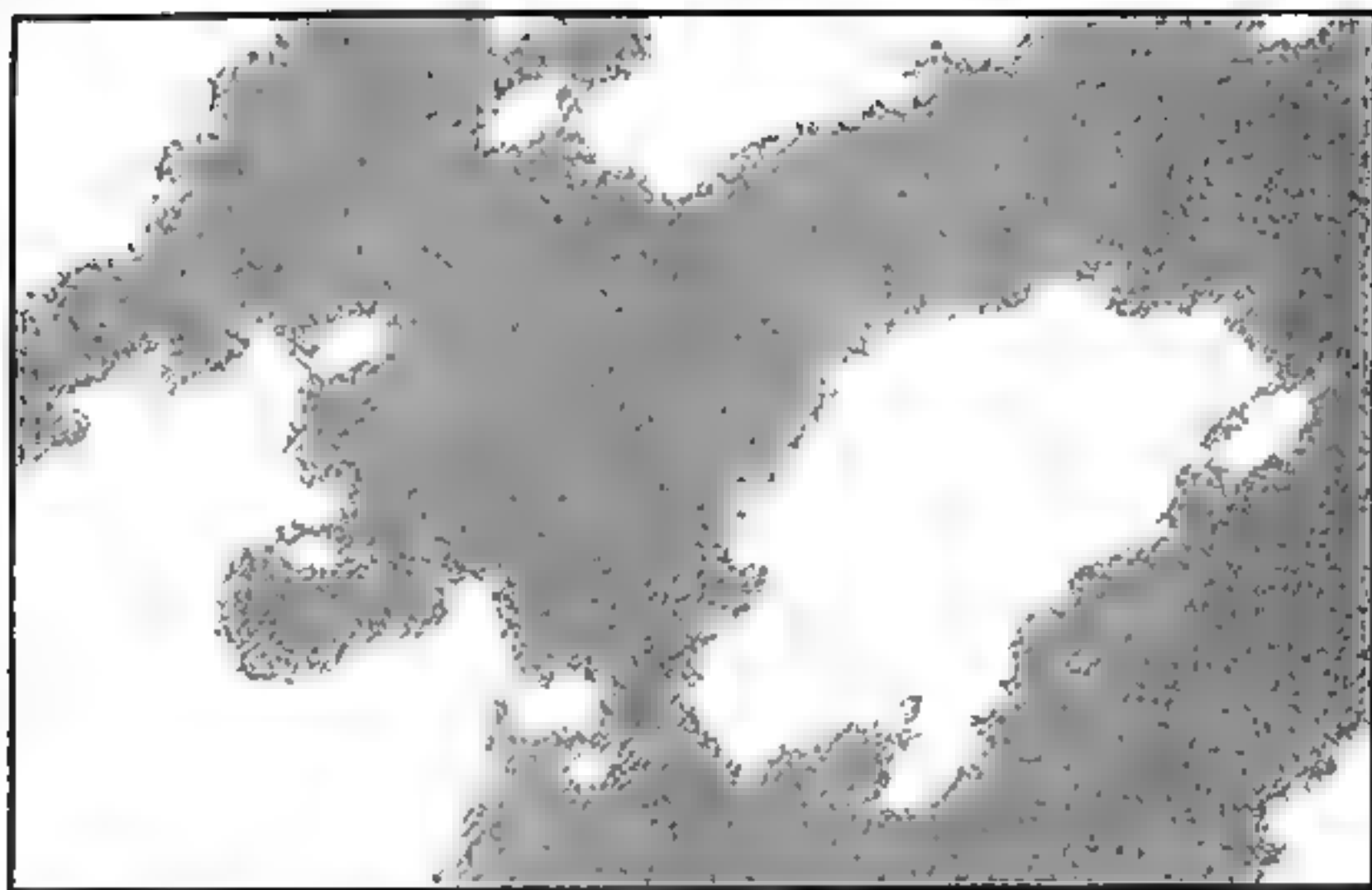


ALL
I'M
DOING

...



IS
FINISHING
THE FIGHT
THAT THEY
STARTED,
THAT'S
ALL.





HE LOST
ONE-ON-
ONE. IT'S
HARD TO
BELIEVE...

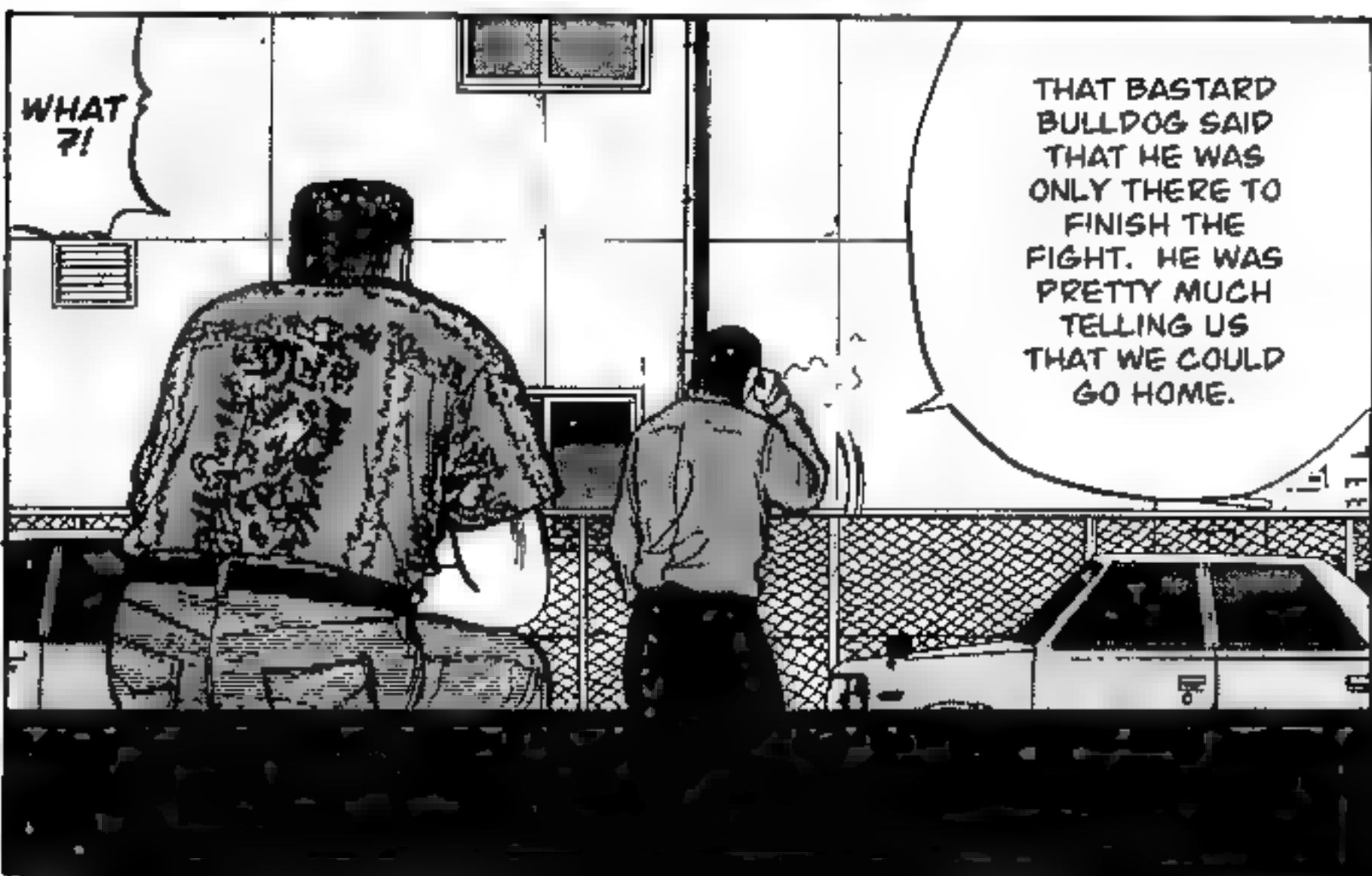


That
guy
...



BUT I
SAW IT
WITH MY
OWN TWO
EYES.
AND
THAT'S
THAT.

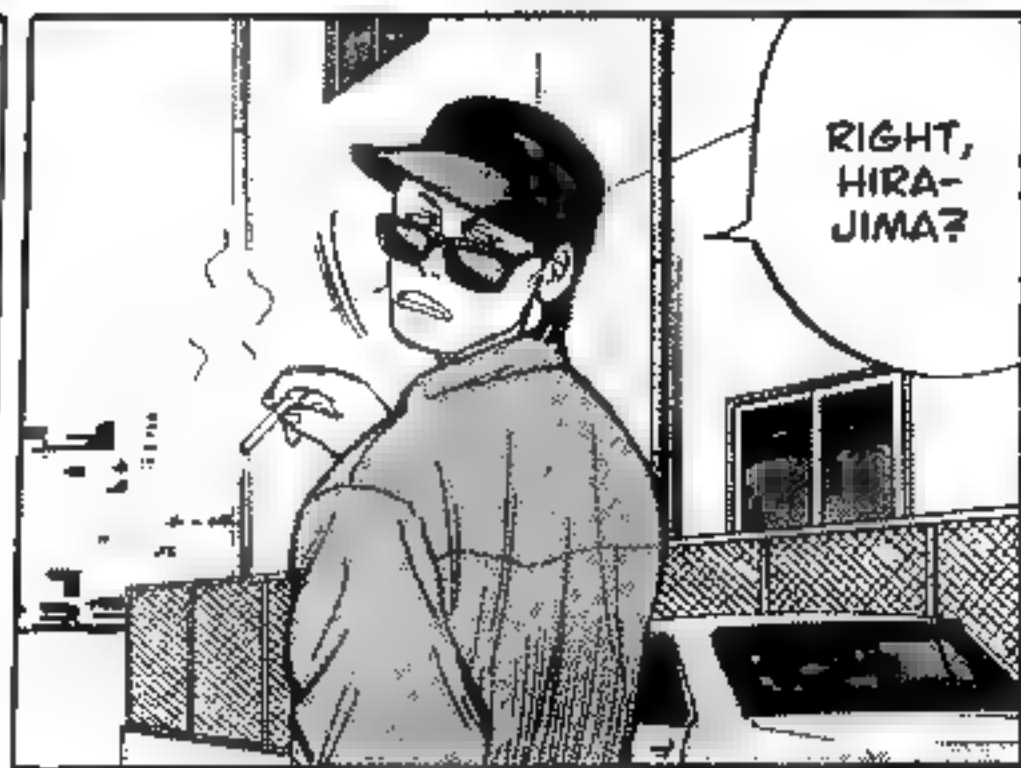
I DON'T
WANT TO
ACCEPT
IT EITHER.





NEVER
LOOKED SO
PATHETIC
IN MY LIFE.
GODDAMN
...

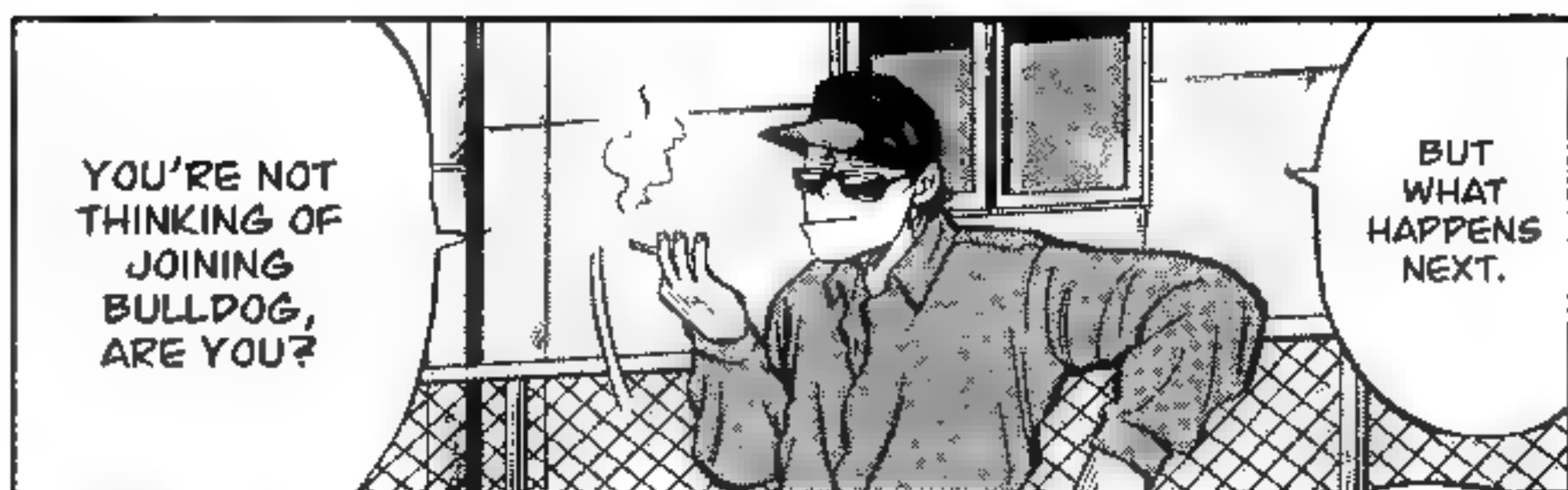
THERE
WAS
NOTH-
ING WE
COULD
DO, SO
WE
JUST
LEFT...



RIGHT,
HIRA-
JIMA?









BECAUSE
IF WE LEFT
KUROTAKI
ALONE, IT
WOULD'VE
BECOME
TOO BIG
FOR US.

IN THE
BEGINNING,
I JOINED UP
WITH YOU TO
GET BACK AT
KUROTAKI.

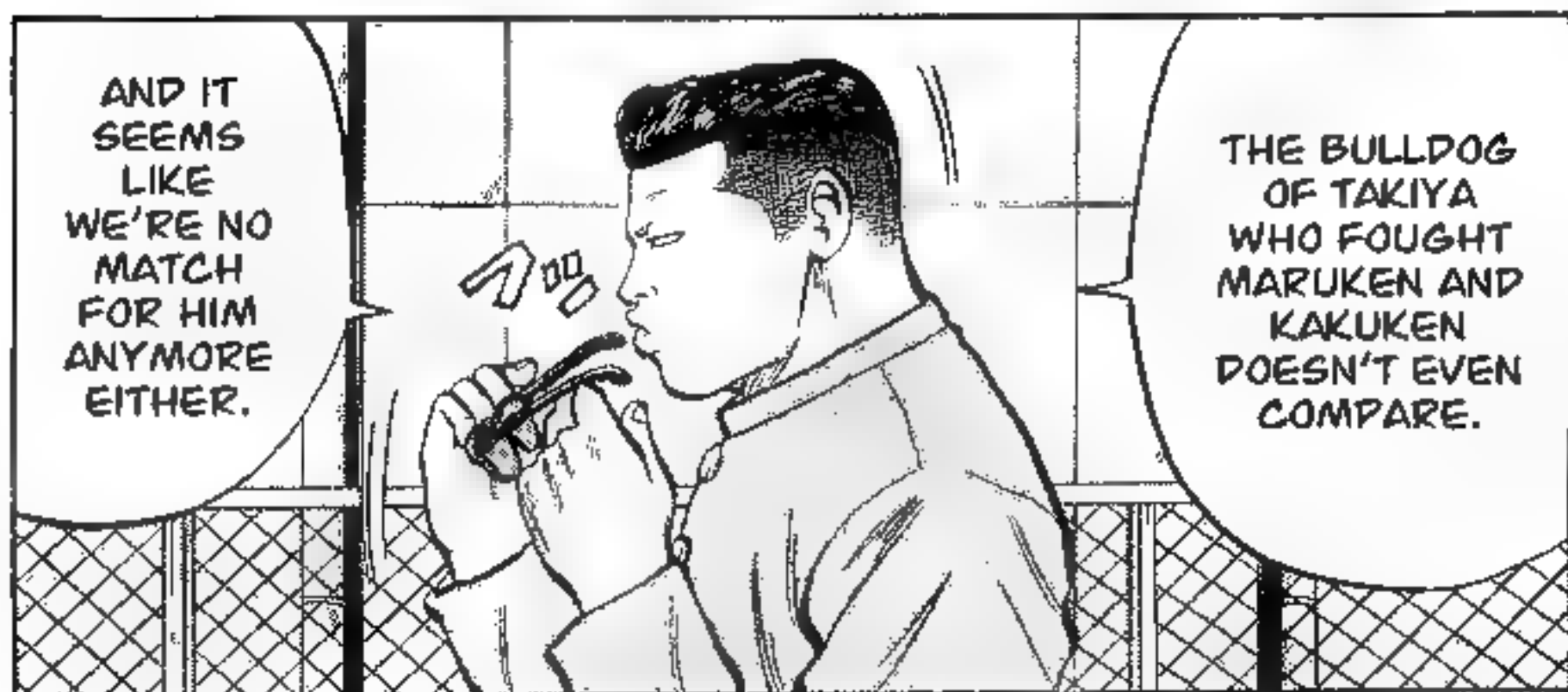
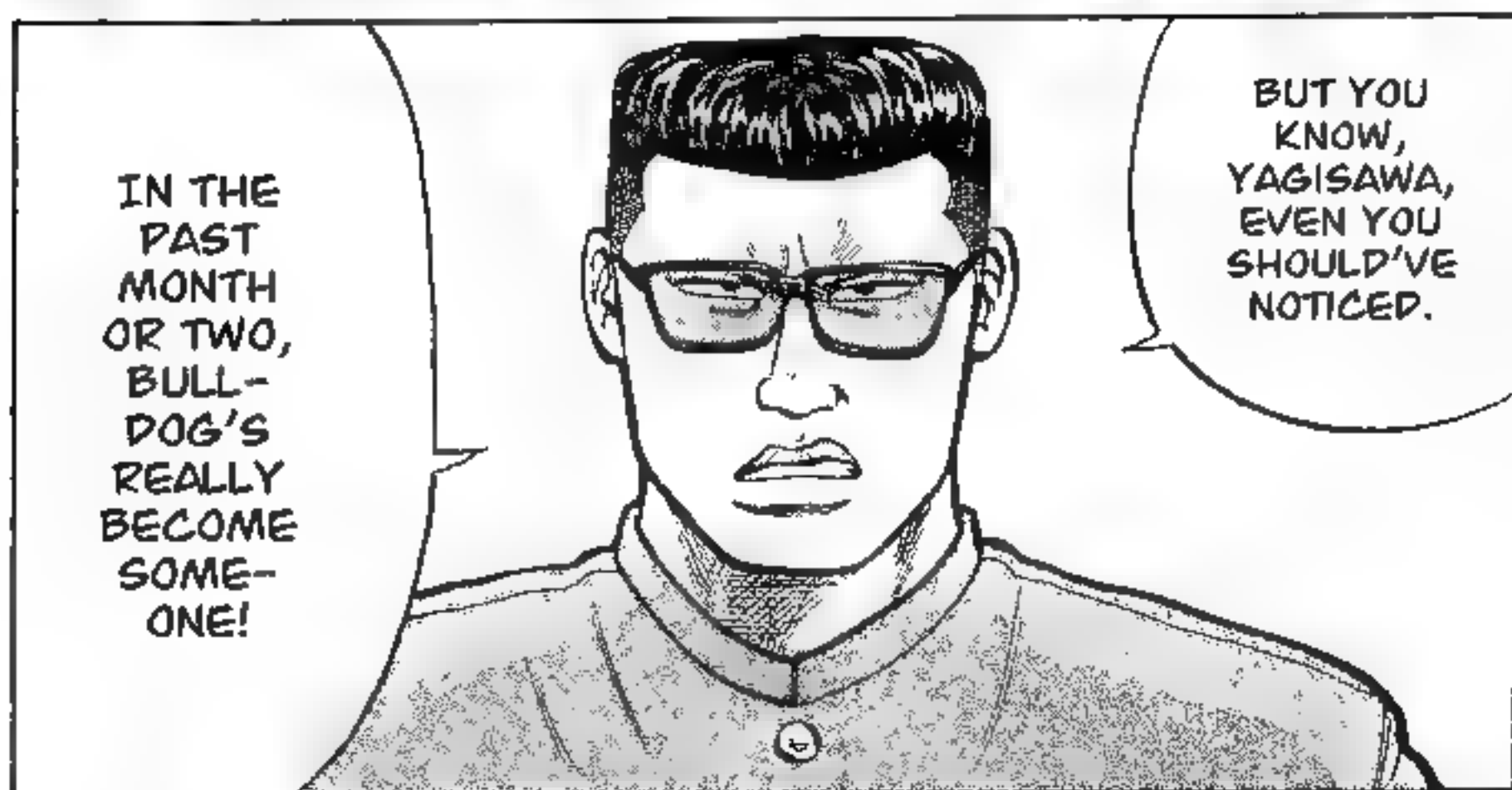


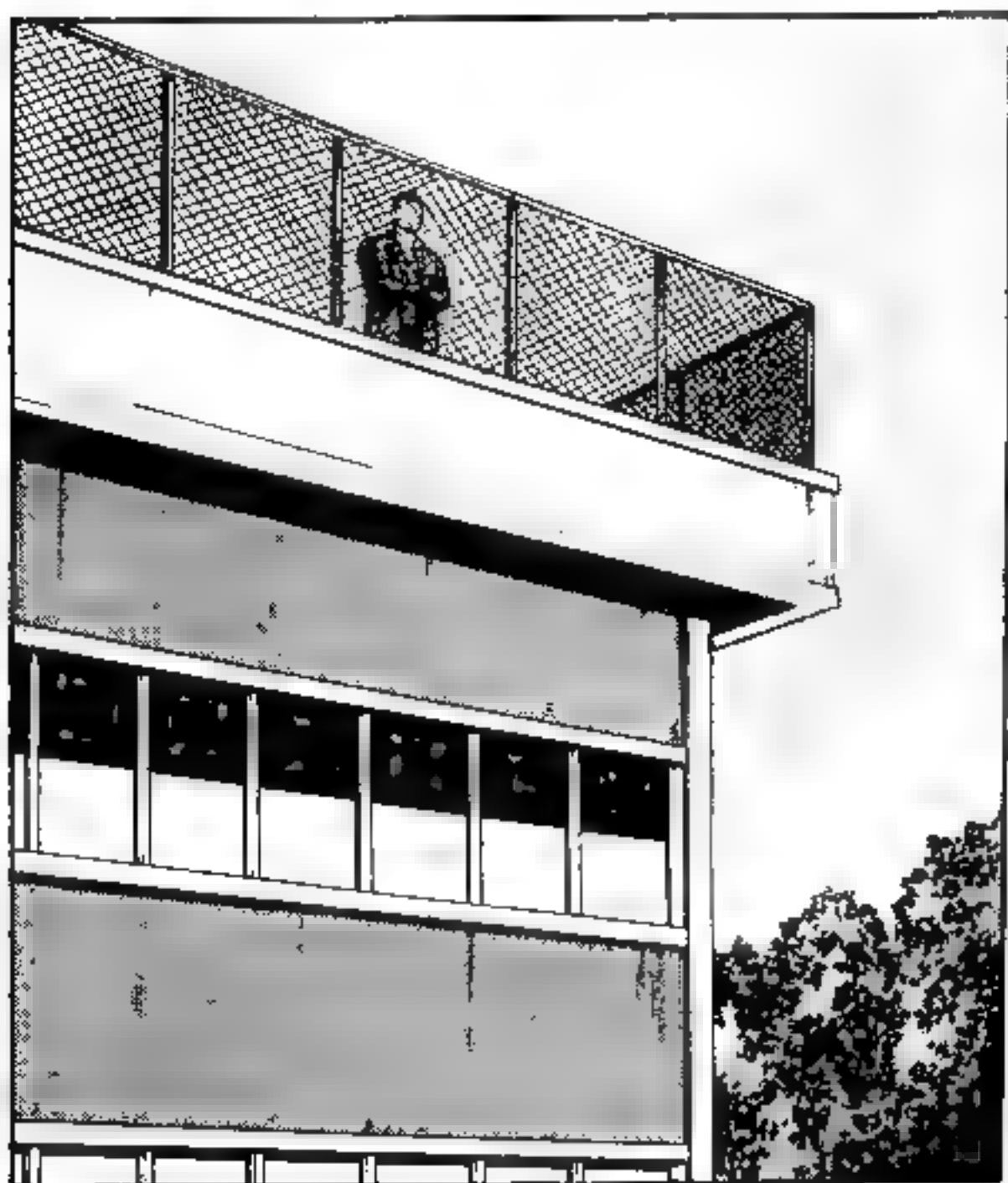
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FORE
I
KNEW
IT
...

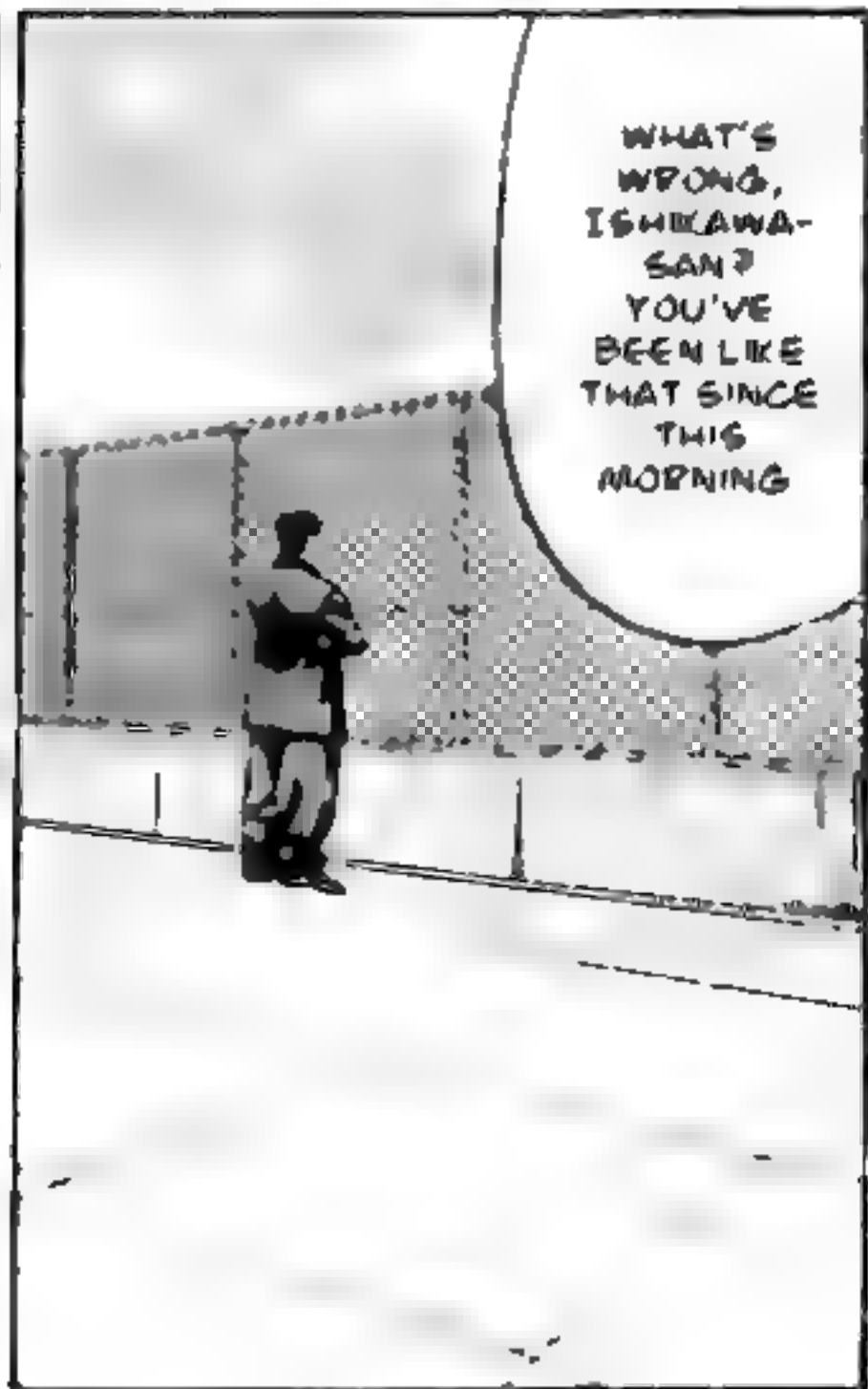
BUT
SEEING
BULL-
DOG GET
BACK UP
AGAIN
AND
AGAIN
...



I
ALSO
THOUGHT
TSUYOSHI
WOULD
WIN.









ARE YOUR
HEMOR-
RHOIDS
BOTHERING
YOU?

I-
ISHIKAWA-
SAN, WHAT'S
WRONG? IS
SOMETHING
WORRYING
YOU?

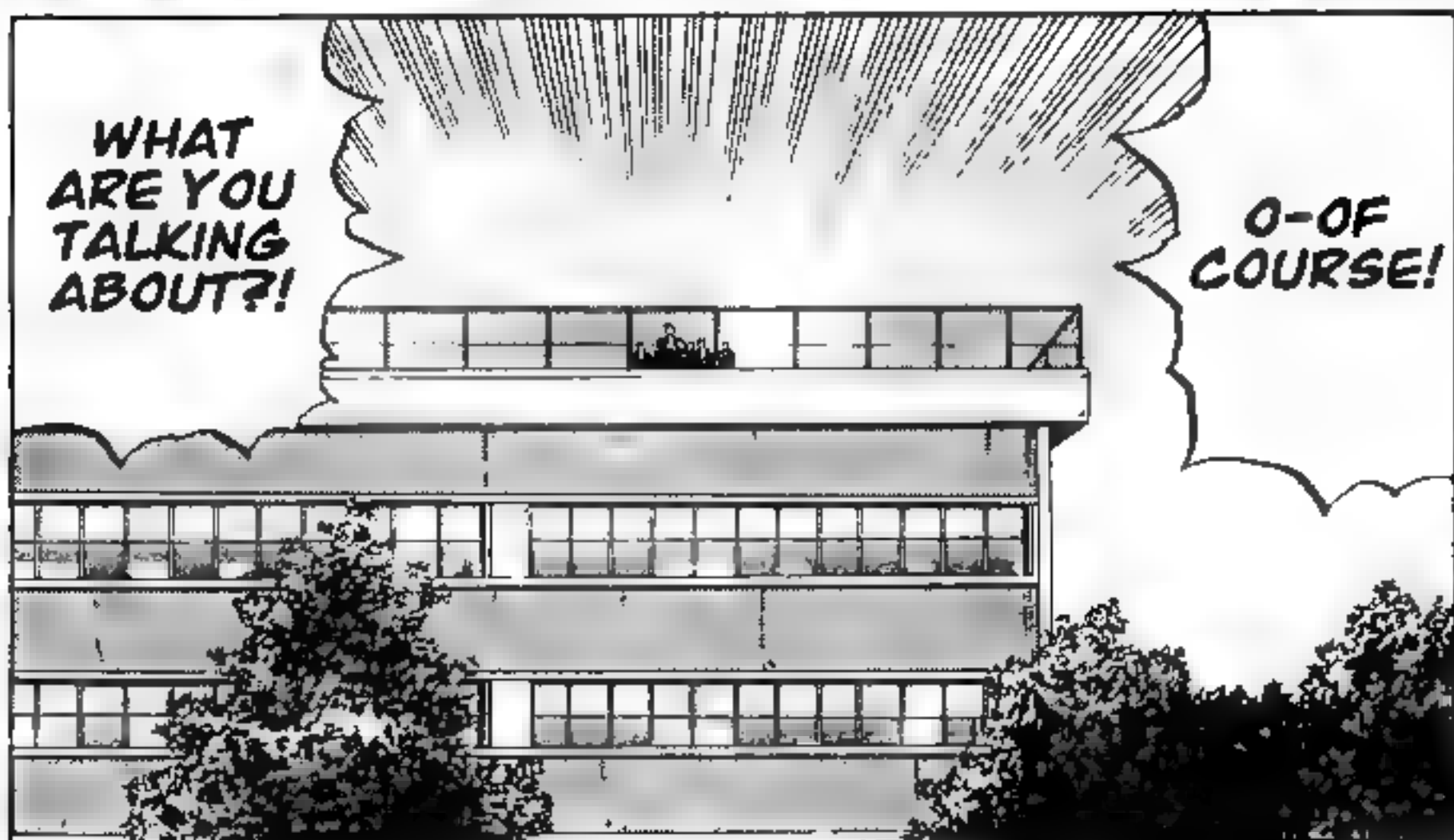


HUH?



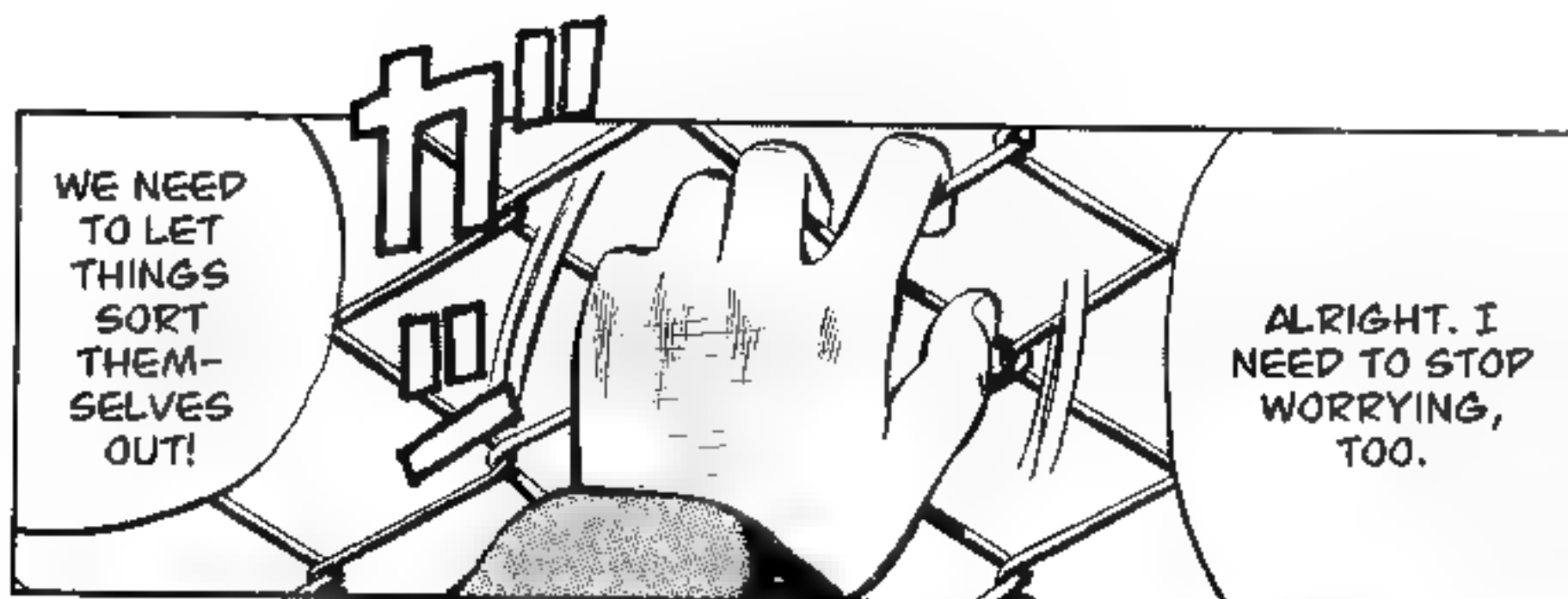
WOULD
YOU GUYS
FOLLOW
ME NO
MATTER
WHAT?

...



WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?!

O-OF
COURSE!



WE NEED
TO LET
THINGS
SORT
THEM-
SELVES
OUT!

ALRIGHT. I
NEED TO STOP
WORRYING,
TOO.



HUH?

IF IT LANDS
BOTTOM UP,
THEN WE
WON'T SERVE
ANYONE, AND
WE'LL CARRY
ON KAWADA
SECOND
HIGH'S TRA-
DITION!

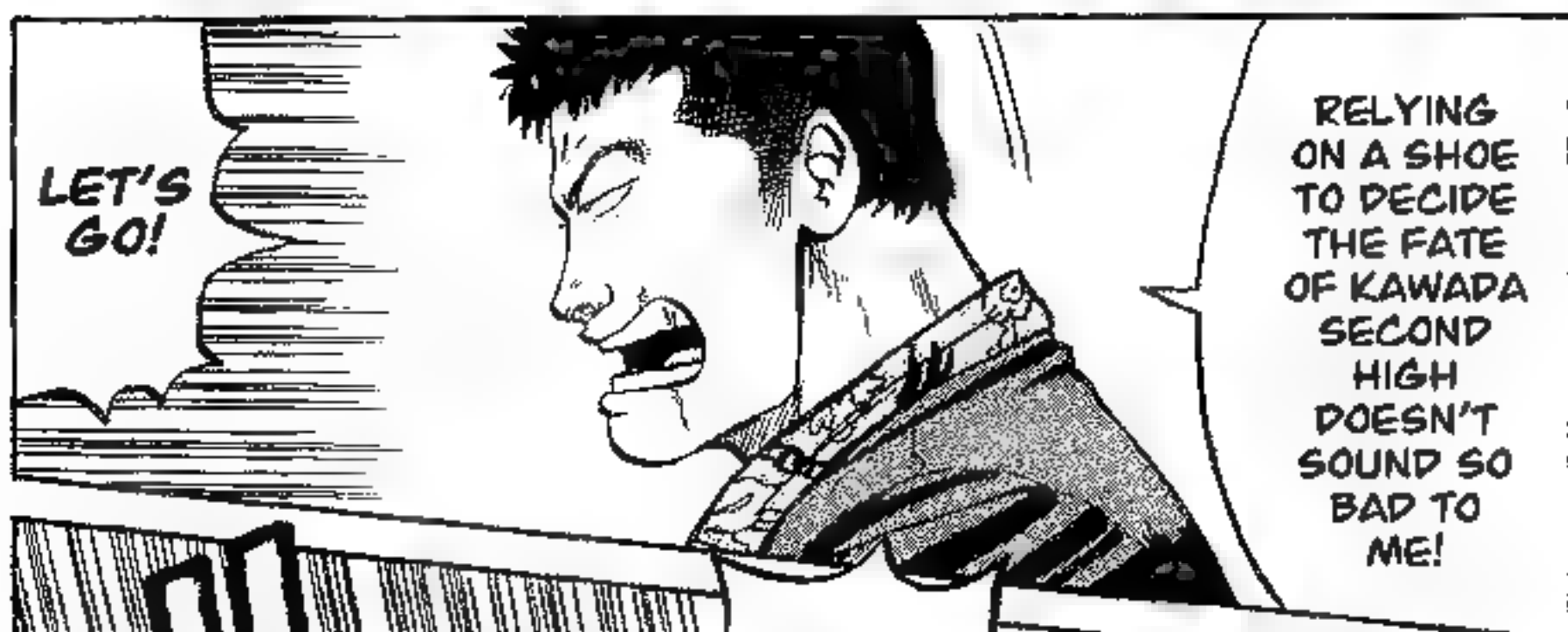
I'M GOING
TO THROW
MY SHOE,
AND IF IT
COMES UP
HEADS, WE
GIVE OUR
LIVES TO
BULLDOG.





I-
ISHI-
KAWA-
SAN!

HUH
?!



LET'S
GO!

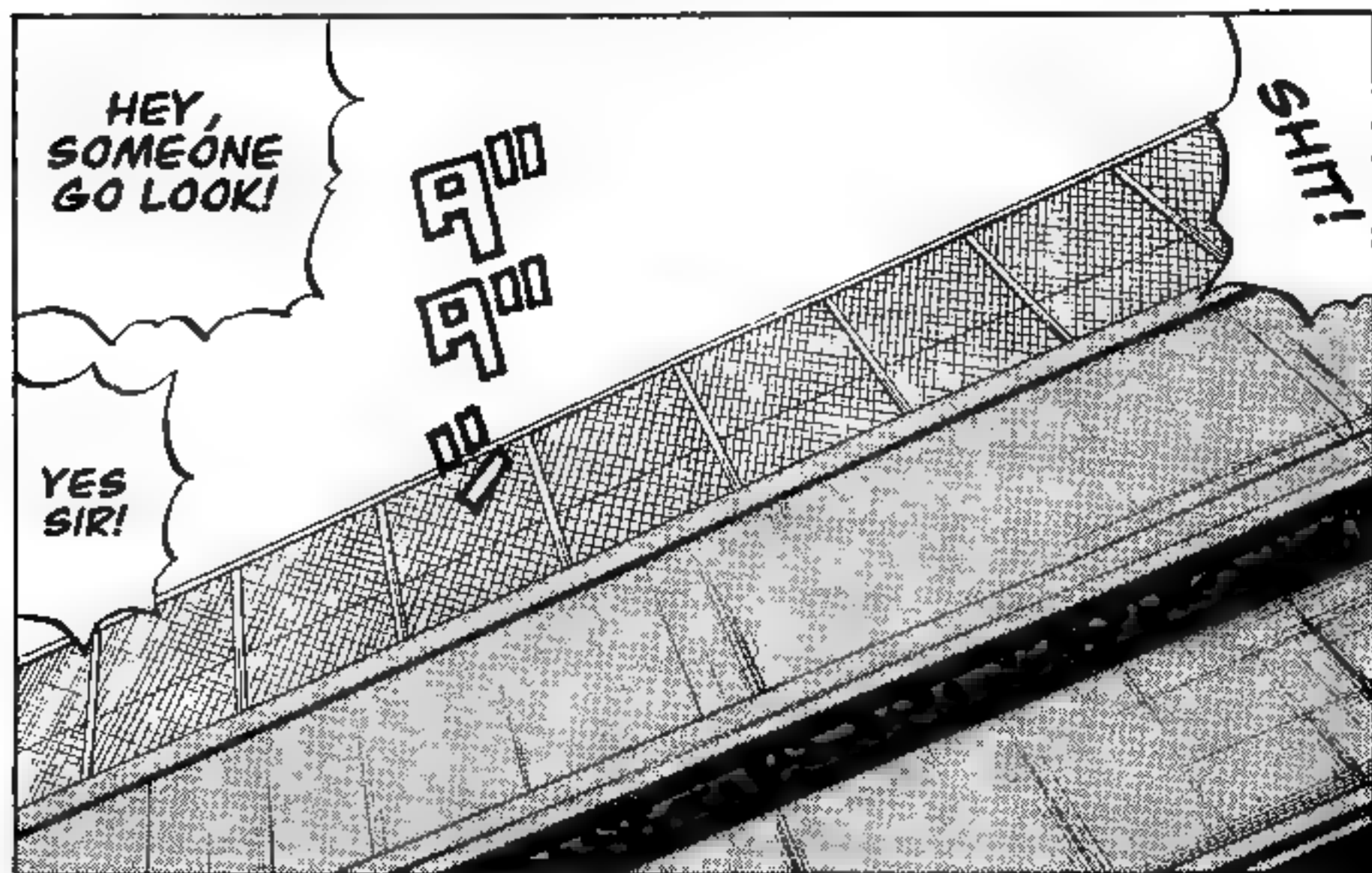
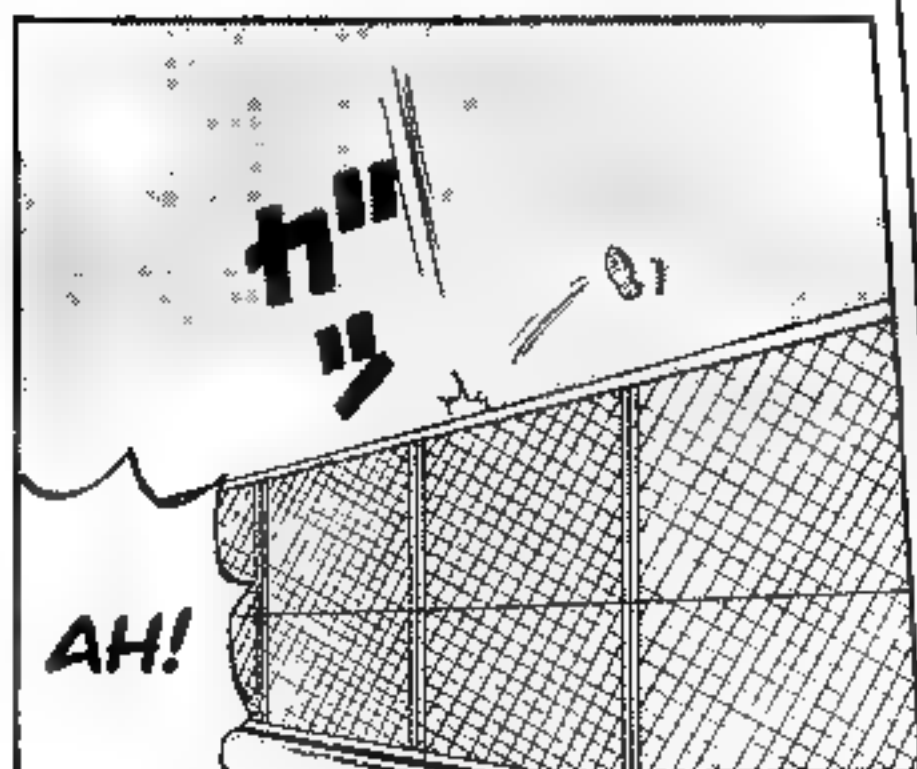
RELYING
ON A SHOE
TO DECIDE
THE FATE
OF KAWADA
SECOND
HIGH
DOESN'T
SOUND SO
BAD TO
ME!



MORFAY!



W-
WAIT A
SEC,
ISHI-
KAWA-
SAN!





WH-
WHICH
SIDE DID
IT LAND
ON?

AH,
THERE
IT IS!



IT
LANDED
UP-
RIGHT!

THEN IT'S
DECIDED.



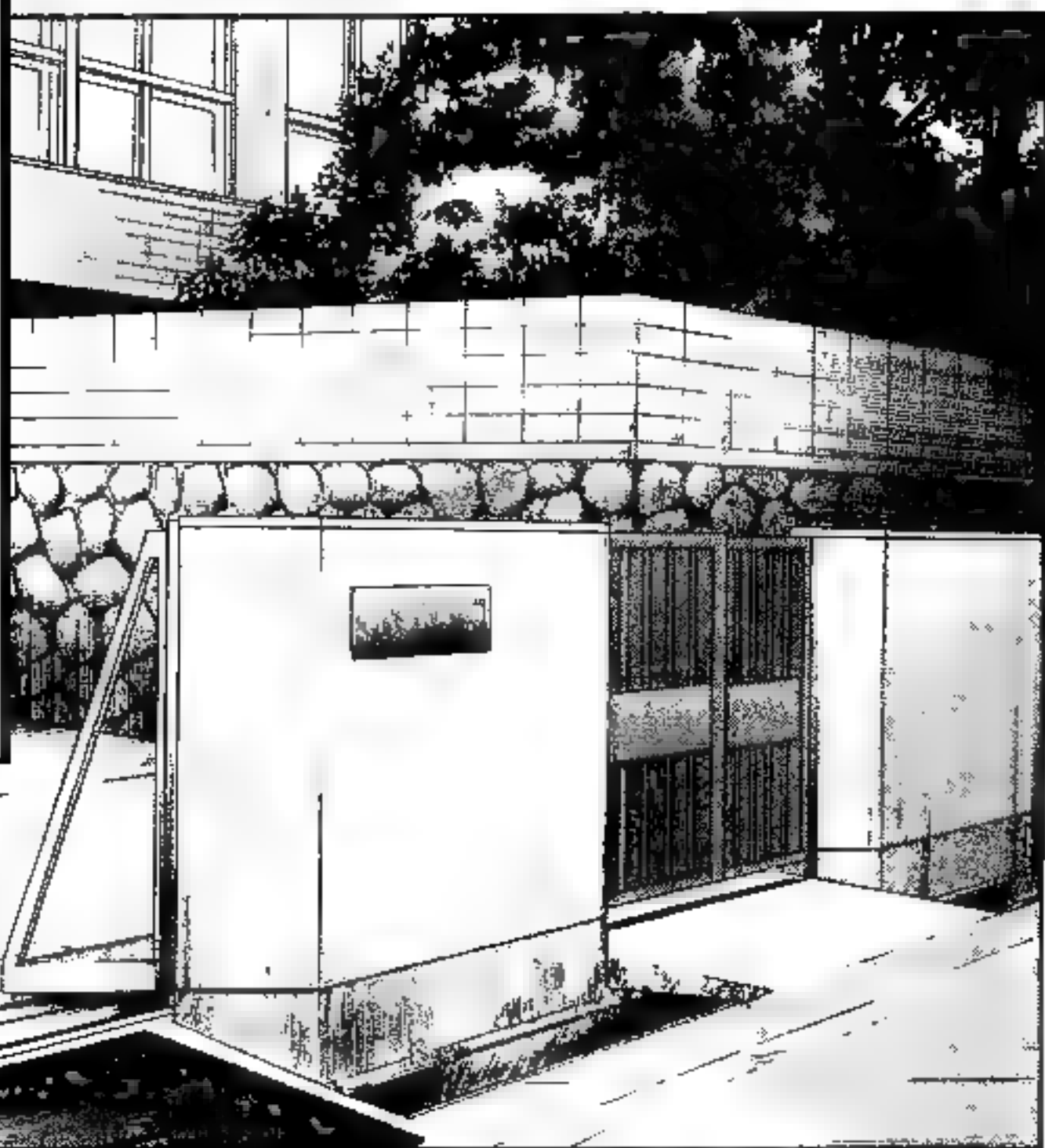


The next
day, first
Ishikawa,
then Hira-
jima went
to visit
Bulldog

...

However,
Takiya
Commerce
had other
visitors
one step
ahead of
those two

...





Takanashi
Osamu and
Katayama
Chiaki, from
Yurigawa
South High
School.



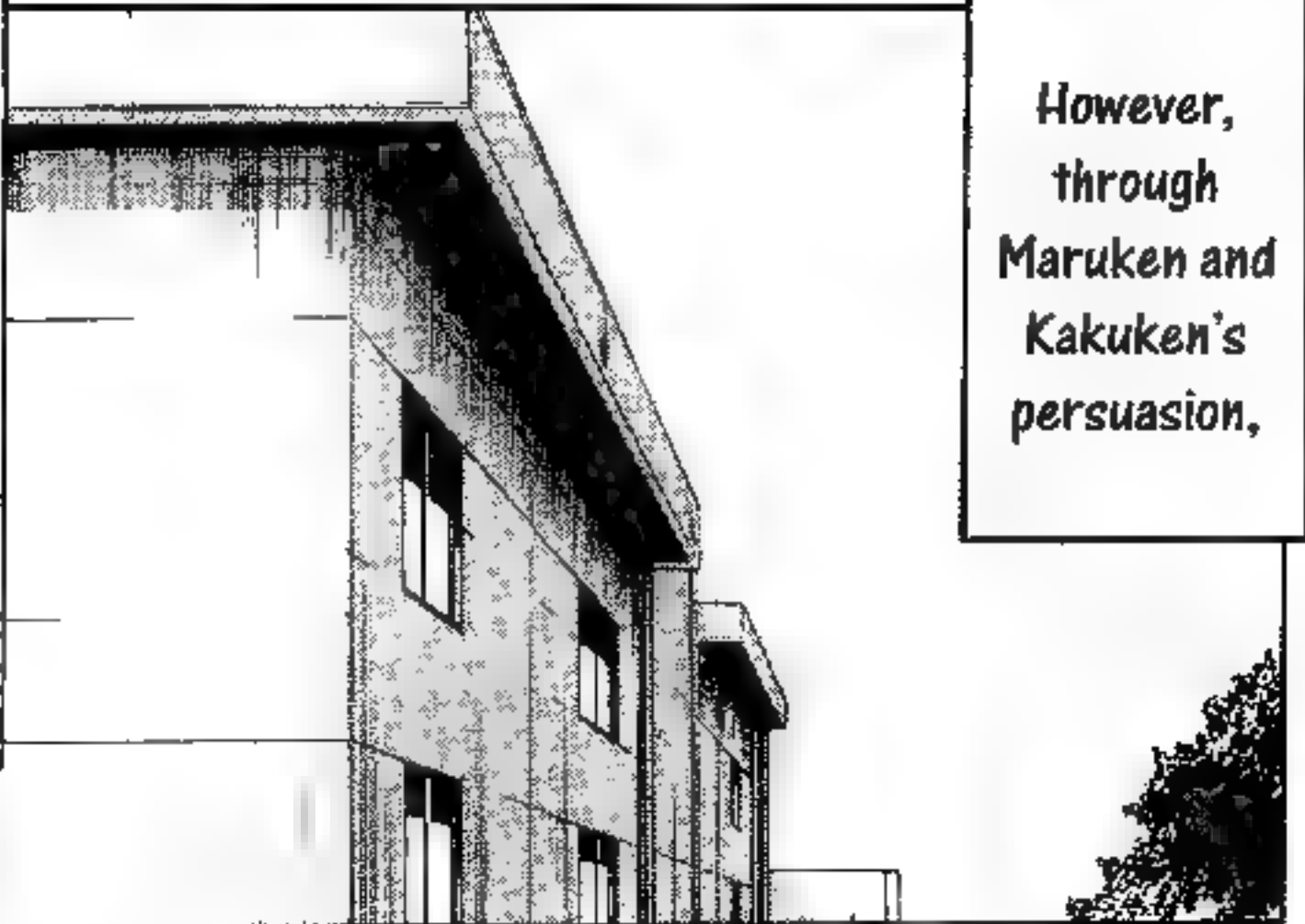
These two
had already
joined the
Alliance as
brothers to
Maruken and
Kakuken

...



Bulldog was perplexed by Ishikawa and Hirajima's unexpected proposal.

Kawada Second High and Nanamori Industrial were allowed to join.



However, through Maruken and Kakuken's persuasion,



Hirajima invited Tsukamoto High's Yagisawa many times, but in the end, he declined to join the Alliance

...

Became a
massive
organization
consisting of
five schools.

Thus the
Kurotaki Alliance
in just under two
months

...

天下無敵

黒焚連合

焚八商業

黒咲工業

百合川南高

河田二高

七森工業



THE UNEQUALLED
Kurotaki Alliance

240px Commerce Kurotaki Industrial
240px Furigawa High Kowada Second High
Nanamaru Industrial



IF I WERE TO SPEAK MY MIND...

PART29

So... Horie had quit, we were down a man, so we hired a new assistant at Tanimura Productions. The man that sensei had brought to the studio a few days later is currently my right hand man and trustworthy partner, Imamura Shigeru.

He was incredibly respectful and kind. He was like me and so he quickly became friends with everyone in the studio.

And so we had Chief Assistant Kobayashi-san, me, Kondou, and our new addition, Shigeru. Between us, work began to pile up at Tanimura Productions, and we soon became incredibly busy.

After a few hectic days, Chief Kobayashi-san (Most people in our line of work lose their eyesight. Most people have horrible eyesight, but he's a monster in that his eyesight got increasingly better. I'd say his eyesight is probably at 3.0 right now... Probably 4.0 or 5.0), a genuine genius who had taught me, a putz who didn't know how to draw backgrounds, who's one of the Top 5 people that I respect, had finally entered his work into the Morning Shiki Contest! And he had placed! The prize was at about 100,000 or 200,000...

And this is how three artists won New Manga prizes on their first attempts. So, it was my turn...



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をかしてくれた心強い仲
間です。

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WANTED SOME SMALL FIGHT BEFORE I GET
ONE. I LOOK LIKE A BUN. THEN FIGHT AFTER
EVEN THEY WERE TO IF FIGHT. I LOOK LIKE AN ANG.
THERE'S A SMALL BOUTING CONTESTERS IN THE MIDDLE
WHERE I ACTUALLY WAS NOT IF LOSE. WHY CAN'T
THESE FIGHTING BOUTING JUST GET ME BACK TO THAT
FOOT BOUTING WARE

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